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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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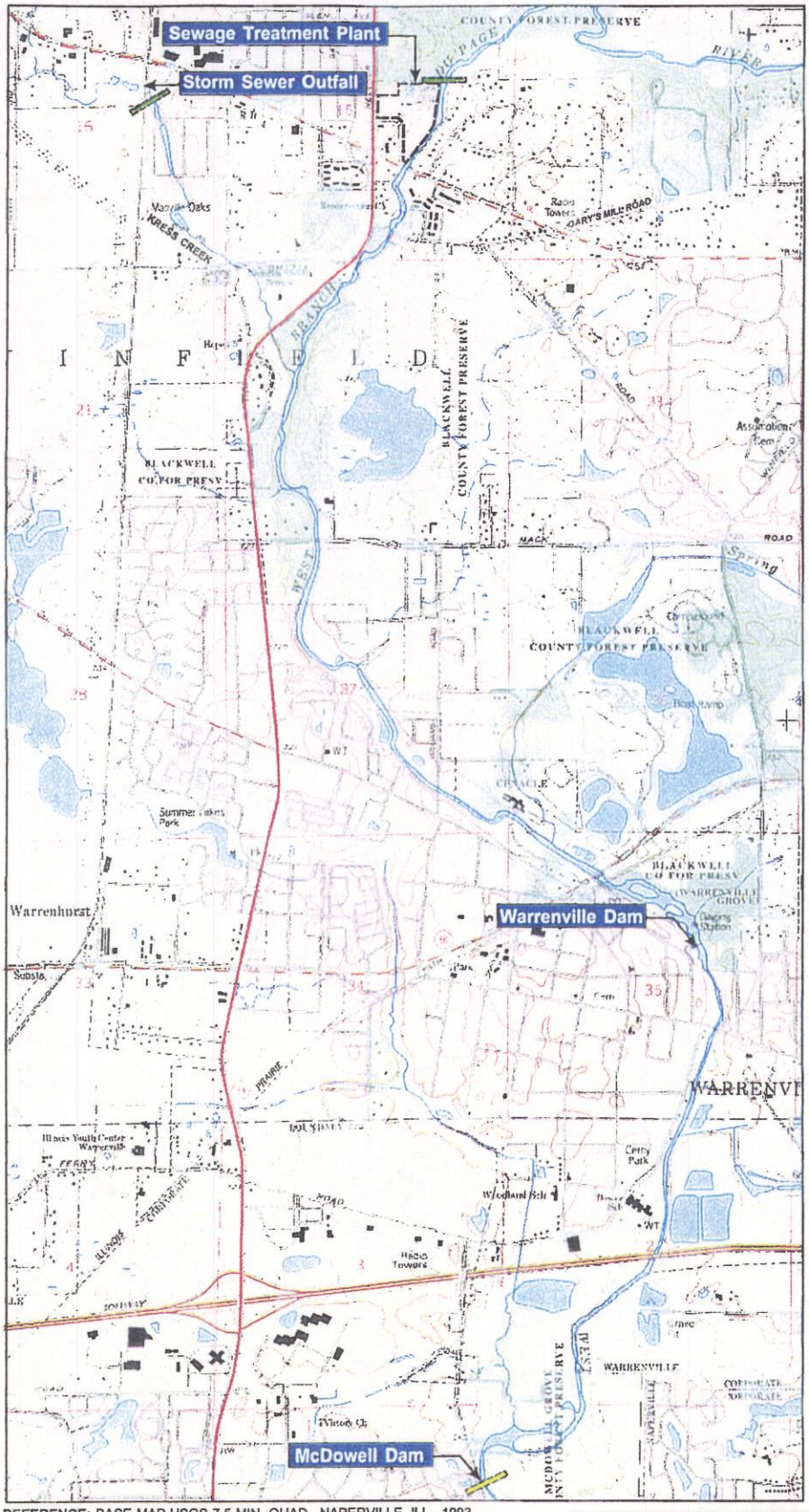
GENERAL DEPICTION OF THE KRESS CREEK SITE



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KERR-MCGEE CHEMICAL LLC
KRESS CREEK/WEST BRANCH DUPAGE RIVER AND
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT SITES
RI/FS STATEMENT OF WORK

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FIGURE 2-1

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KRESS CREEK SITE RECORD OF DECISION

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DuPage County, Illinois

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AOC	administrative order on consent
ARAR	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement
BCG	biota concentration guide
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second
CRP	Community Relations Plan
CSM	conceptual site model
DOE	Department of Energy
DOT	Department of Transportation
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	exposure point concentration
FS	feasibility study
GPS	Global Positioning System
HEAST	Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables
IEMA/DNS	Illinois Emergency Management Agency/Division of Nuclear Safety
mL/g	milliliters per gram
NAREL	National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory
NCP	National Contingency Plan
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NPL	National Priorities List
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
pCi/g	picoCuries per gram
QAPP	quality assurance project plan
Ra-226	Radium-226
Ra-228	Radium-228
RAO	remedial action objective
RD/RA	remedial design/remedial action
REF	Rare Earths Facility
RESRAD	DOE's RESidual RADioactivity model
RI	remedial investigation
RI/FS	remedial investigation/feasibility study
RME	reasonable maximum exposure
ROD	Record of Decision
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
TBC	to be considered
UMTRCA	Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

carcinogen	A substance that causes cancer.
combined radium	The sum of the concentrations of radium-228 and radium-226.
daughter products	The group or chain of nuclides resulting from the radioactive decay of a fundamental precursor or "parent" nuclide.
distribution coefficient	A partition coefficient that compares the amount of an element that is partitioned to the sediment/soil with the concentration dissolved in water.
epidemiological studies	Studies on human populations that attempt to link human health effects (e.g., cancer) to a cause.
half-life	Time for one half the atoms in a mass of an isotope to radioactively decay from one element to a different element.
ionizing radiation	Radioactive emissions (generally alpha particles, beta particles, neutrons, X-rays, or gamma rays) that have sufficient energy to ionize atoms (to remove orbital electrons).
isotope	A variation for an element characterized by a different number of neutrons (or a different atomic mass) from the stable element.
mutagen	A substance or agent that causes an increase in the rate of change in genes (subsections of the DNA of the body's cells).
picoCuries	A rate of radioactive decay equal to one trillionth the decay rate of the fundamental unit, the Curie. One picoCurie represents 2.2 radioactive disintegrations per minute.
rad	*Radiation Absorbed Dose*; a unit of radiation dose representing the amount of energy absorbed per gram of tissue.
radioactive decay	The process whereby an unstable radioisotope emits a particle and releases energy in order to reach a more stable state.
radiotoxicity	Characteristic of radionuclides whereby exposure may be detrimental to human health or the environment.
targeted materials	Materials at the site within pre-defined excavation envelopes developed by delineation drilling in areas where radiological surface scans indicated the presence of materials exceeding 7.2 picoCuries per gram (pCi/g) combined radium. The 7.2 pCi/g criterion was derived from relevant and appropriate federal and state environmental regulations.
teratogen	An agent that can cause malformations of an embryo or fetus.

This Record of Decision (ROD) documents the remedy selected for the Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site in DuPage County, Illinois. The ROD is organized in two sections: Part I contains the *Declaration* for the ROD and Part II contains the *Decision Summary*. The *Responsiveness Summary* is included as Appendix A.

PART I: DECLARATION

This section summarizes the information presented in the ROD and includes the authorizing signature of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 5 Superfund Division Director.

Site Name and Location

The Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site (CERCLIS # ILD980823991) is comprised of approximately 6.7 miles of creek and river sediments, banks and floodplain soils contaminated with radioactive thorium residuals. The site is located in DuPage County, Illinois, approximately 30 miles west of downtown Chicago, and stretches from southern unincorporated West Chicago to the northern edge of unincorporated Naperville.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

This decision document presents the selected remedy for the Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site in DuPage County, Illinois. The remedy was chosen in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), and, to the extent practicable, the National Contingency Plan (NCP). Information used to select the remedy is contained in the Administrative Record file for the site. The Administrative Record file is available for review at the USEPA Region 5 Records Center, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, and on CD-ROM at the two information repositories: the West Chicago Public Library, 118 West Washington Street, West Chicago, Illinois, and the Warrenville Public Library, 28W751 Stafford Place, Warrenville, Illinois.

Assessment of the Site

The response action selected in this ROD is necessary to protect the public health or welfare or the environment from actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment.

Description of Selected Remedy

The Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site is being addressed as a single operable unit under the framework set forth in CERCLA. Therefore, the selected remedy specified in this ROD will serve as the final action for the entire site. The selected remedy specifies response actions that will address radioactively-contaminated sediments and soils at the site. USEPA believes the response actions outlined in this ROD, if properly implemented, will protect human health and the environment. The selected remedy for the site is excavation and off-site disposal of targeted soils and sediments throughout the site. The term "targeted" means materials within pre-defined excavation envelopes developed by delineation drilling in areas where radiological surface scans indicated the presence of materials exceeding 7.2 picoCuries per gram (pCi/g) combined radium. The 7.2 pCi/g criterion was derived from relevant and appropriate federal and state environmental regulations. The principal threats to human health and the environment are the radioactive materials in sediment and soil. Although the NCP establishes the expectation that USEPA will use treatment to address the principal threats posed by a site whenever practicable, there are no viable treatment alternatives for the radioactive materials at the site. The selected remedy addresses the principal threats by removing the targeted materials from the site and sending them off-site to a permanent, licensed disposal facility.

The major components of the selected remedy include:

- Removal of approximately 75,000 cubic yards of targeted soils and sediments from the site using mechanical "dry excavation" techniques, with disposal of the targeted materials at a licensed off-site disposal facility. Prior to excavation, targeted areas will be isolated and dewatered to allow excavation in-the-dry. Targeted materials will be excavated to predetermined cut depths based on the available extensive characterization data. In order to remove the targeted materials, approximately 47,000 cubic yards of clean overburden materials also must be excavated and managed;

- Mitigation and restoration activities to restore aquatic and terrestrial areas of the site impacted by the cleanup activities to appropriate, stable conditions, including revegetation of appropriate areas and stabilization of streambanks;

- Monitoring and maintenance of restored areas to assess the effectiveness of stabilization and revegetation measures.

Statutory Determinations

The selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment, complies with federal and state requirements that are applicable or relevant and appropriate to the remedial action, and is cost-effective. The selected remedy utilizes permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies to the maximum extent practicable. It does not satisfy the statutory preference for

treatment as a principal element of the remedy because there are no viable treatment alternatives for the radioactive materials at the site.

Because this remedy will not result in hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remaining on-site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, a five-year review will not be required for this remedial action.

Data Certification Checklist

The following information is included in the Decision Summary section (Part II) of this ROD. Additional information can be found in the Administrative Record file for this site.

- Contaminants of concern and their respective concentrations (Section 5);
- Baseline risk represented by the contaminants of concern (Section 7);
- Cleanup levels established for contaminants of concern and the basis for these levels (Section 8);
- How source materials constituting principal threats are addressed (Section 11);
- Current and reasonably anticipated future land use assumptions used in the baseline risk assessment and ROD (Sections 6 and 7);
- Potential land use that will be available at the site as a result of the selected remedy (Section 12);
- Estimated total present worth costs, discount rate, and the number of years over which the remedy cost estimates are projected (Section 9); and
- Key factors that led to selecting the remedy (Sections 10 and 12).

Support Agency Acceptance

The State of Illinois has concurred with the selected remedy. The State of Illinois' concurrence letter is included in the Administrative Record for the site.

Authorizing Signature

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Richard C. Karl, Director
Superfund Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

3-24-05

Date

PART II: DECISION SUMMARY

1.0 Site Name, Location and Brief Description

The Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site (CERCLIS # ILD980823991), also known as the Kress Creek Site, is located in DuPage County, Illinois, approximately 30 miles west of downtown Chicago. The site stretches from southern unincorporated West Chicago, through Warrenville, to the northern edge of unincorporated Naperville, and consists of approximately 6.7 miles of creek and river sediments, banks and floodplain soils contaminated with radioactive thorium residuals. Specifically, the site includes approximately 1.5 miles of Kress Creek stretching from a storm sewer outfall (located south of Illinois Route 38/Roosevelt Road and east of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern railway) to the creek's confluence with the West Branch DuPage River, and approximately 5.2 miles of the West Branch DuPage River from the confluence downstream past the Warrenville Dam to the McDowell Dam. The site and the surrounding area are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

The Kress Creek Site was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) in 1991. USEPA began a fund-lead remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) at the site in 1992, with the State of Illinois (including the Illinois EPA and the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety) serving as the support agency. Kerr-McGee, a potentially responsible party at the site, officially took over the RI/FS from USEPA in 2003 and completed the RI and FS reports. USEPA conducted the human health and ecological risk assessments. USEPA anticipates that the design and implementation of the remedy selected in this ROD will be carried out by Kerr-McGee under a federal consent decree.

The Kress Creek Site was reviewed by USEPA's National Remedy Review Board prior to the release of the Proposed Plan because the anticipated remedy at the site exceeded the $30 million threshold for such review. The National Remedy Review Board's recommendations and USEPA Region 5's response to the recommendations are included in the Administrative Record for the site.

2.0 Site History and Enforcement Activities

2.1 Source of Contamination

The radioactive contamination at the Kress Creek Site originated from a nearby facility known as the Rare Earths Facility (REF), which operated from 1932 until 1973. The REF is shown in Figure 2. The REF produced non-radioactive elements known as rare earths and radioactive elements such as thorium, radium and uranium, for private entities and the United States government's use in federal atomic energy programs. The REF also manufactured gas lantern mantles. The REF extracted the elements from monazite sands, bastnasite (rare earth ore) and other ores using an acid leaching process, generating radioactive mill tailings as an unwanted byproduct. The mill tailings were stored in large piles at the REF. Kerr-McGee purchased the

REF in 1967 and maintained operations at the facility until closing it in 1973. After passage of the Atomic Energy Act, the REF was licensed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In November 1990, the NRC granted licensing authority to the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, which is now known as the Illinois Emergency Management Agency/Division of Nuclear Safety (IEMA/DNS). The REF is undergoing cleanup and decommissioning under an IEMA/DNS license.

Over the years, radioactively-contaminated surface runoff and discharges from the REF were conveyed by a storm sewer directly into Kress Creek. Materials containing thorium residuals then were distributed over time in the sediments of the creek and river and in some streambank and floodplain areas. As a result of the current ongoing cleanup of the REF under the IEMA/DNS license, the REF is no longer a source of contamination to the Kress Creek Site.

Three other related Kerr-McGee NPL sites were placed on the NPL in 1990: the Reed-Keppler Park Site, the Residential Areas Site, and the Sewage Treatment Plant Site. The contamination at those three sites also originated at the REF, and those sites are being or have been addressed by separate actions.

2.2 Previous Investigations

Prior to the site's listing on the NPL, the NRC conducted several studies from 1976 to 1978 to determine if any areas outside the boundaries of the REF had been contaminated by thorium residuals from the REF. The investigations, including an aerial radiological flyover survey and ground-level investigations, identified areas of thorium contamination in Kress Creek and portions of the West Branch DuPage River. NRC then conducted a more detailed study of the creek in 1981 and 1984 to gather more information on the extent and concentrations of the thorium materials.

A second aerial radiological flyover survey of areas in and around West Chicago was performed in 1989 for the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety. The flyover showed areas of elevated radioactivity in areas of the creek and river.

Studies conducted after USEPA listed the site on the NPL are discussed in Section 5 of this ROD. No cleanup activities have occurred at the Kress Creek Site. Some residential properties adjacent to Kress Creek were cleaned up as part of a removal action at the Kerr-McGee Residential Areas Site (a related but separate NPL site) in 1996, but contamination along the creek banks and in the creek adjacent to those properties remains in place.

2.3 Enforcement Activities

After the site was listed on the NPL in February 1991, USEPA issued a letter on September 6, 1991, notifying Kerr-McGee that USEPA had decided not to use the special notice and

negotiation procedures regarding the conduct of an RI/FS and that USEPA would conduct the RI/FS at the site. USEPA began a fund-lead RI/FS at the site in September 1992.

In 1998, as a result of discussions regarding the Kerr-McGee Reed-Keppler Park Site (a related but separate NPL site), Kerr-McGee and the City of West Chicago jointly requested that USEPA put its Kress Creek RI/FS work on hold to give those parties time to negotiate separately regarding the cleanup of the Kress Creek Site. During the negotiations, additional local governmental entities became involved and the group negotiating with Kerr-McGee became known as the "local communities." The local communities included the City of West Chicago, the West Chicago Park District, DuPage County, the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and the City of Warrenville. As part of the negotiations, Kerr-McGee conducted extensive characterization activities at the site.

In February 2002, Kerr-McGee and the local communities presented to USEPA the conceptual agreement they had reached regarding cleanup of the Kress Creek Site. USEPA, Kerr-McGee and other parties then engaged in subsequent discussions regarding the cleanup proposal and on October 10, 2003, the U.S. Government and Kerr-McGee signed a non-binding Agreement in Principle. The Agreement in Principle set the stage for Kerr-McGee's takeover and completion of the RI/FS and for detailed negotiations on a consent decree for remedial design/remedial action (RD/RA) at the site. As anticipated by the Agreement in Principle, USEPA and Kerr-McGee signed an administrative order on consent (AOC), effective November 21, 2003, for Kerr-McGee to complete the RI/FS. Kerr-McGee completed the RI and FS reports and USEPA completed the human health and ecological risk assessment reports, and USEPA approved all of the documents in May 2004.

After issuing the proposed plan for the Kress Creek Site, USEPA issued a letter on June 30, 2004, notifying Kerr-McGee that USEPA did not intend to issue a special notice letter establishing a negotiation moratorium for the RD/RA negotiations. USEPA made this decision based on the fact that the parties had so far proceeded according to the October 2003 Agreement in Principle and had already exchanged several drafts of an RD/RA consent decree for the site.

3.0 Community Participation

The Proposed Plan for the Kress Creek Site was made available to the public for comment on May 24, 2004. On that day, copies of the Proposed Plan and the final RI, FS and risk assessment reports (as well as other supporting documents) were placed in the local Information Repositories located at the West Chicago Public Library and the Warrenville Public Library, and copies of the Proposed Plan were mailed to all interested persons on USEPA's community involvement mailing list for the site. Copies of the Proposed Plan also were mailed to all members of the West Chicago Intergovernmental Forum, and copies of the final RI, FS and risk assessment reports were provided to forum members who requested copies. The Intergovernmental Forum is a group comprised of persons representing city, county, state and federal government entities

(including local, state and federal elected officials), the Thorium Action Group (a local community activist group), and Kerr-McGee.

Copies of all documents supporting the remedy outlined in the Proposed Plan are located in the Administrative Record file for the site, located at the USEPA Records Center, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The Administrative Record file was available for review as of May 24, 2004. In addition, copies of all the documents in the Administrative Record file were put on CD-ROM and mailed to the local Information Repositories on June 22, 2004.

The 30-day public comment period ran from May 26, 2004, to June 25, 2004. USEPA held a public meeting at the Warrenville City Hall on June 2, 2004, to present the Proposed Plan and approximately 120 people (mostly local residents who live adjacent to the site) attended. The notice announcing the public meeting and the availability of the Proposed Plan was published in the ***Daily Herald*** on May 25 and June 1, 2004, and in the ***Liberty Suburban Press/Post*** on May 27, 2004. Representatives of USEPA, the Illinois EPA and IEMA/DNS were present at the public meeting, as were representatives of Kerr-McGee and the local communities, to answer questions regarding the proposed remedy. Responses to comments received during the public comment period (including comments received at the public meeting) are included in the Responsiveness Summary which is Appendix A of this ROD.

In addition to the public involvement activities noted above, USEPA mailed out a fact sheet and held two public meetings at the start of the RI fieldwork in May 1993. USEPA also developed a Community Relations Plan (CRP) for all four Kerr-McGee NPL sites when it began RI/FS activities at the sites in 1992/1993, and the CRP was finalized in 1994. In order to conduct the field sampling activities at the start of the remedial investigation, USEPA had to obtain access from the individual property owners along the site, and USEPA has had discussions about site activities with many of those property owners over the years. When Kerr-McGee began its testing of the site in 1997, Kerr-McGee also had to obtain access from the individual property owners along the site. When the site was expanded in 2003 to include the section between the Warrenville and McDowell Dams, USEPA sent letters to those property owners explaining the testing that needed to be conducted and informing them that Kerr-McGee would be contacting them for access.

Another form of community participation is the West Chicago Intergovernmental Forum, which formed around 1992/1993. The Forum, which meets regularly (monthly or bimonthly), includes representatives of USEPA, the two State support agencies (Illinois EPA and IEMA/DNS), representatives of the local communities (City of West Chicago, City of Warrenville, DuPage County, DuPage County Forest Preserve District and West Chicago Park District), the Thorium Action Group, Kerr-McGee, and other state and local representatives. USEPA, a principal participant in the Forum, provides regular updates on project status, and other parties raise any issues of concern to them. Those parties then report back to their larger constituencies. The Forum meetings have proven to be an effective two-way communication tool between USEPA and representatives of various stakeholder groups. USEPA also engaged Forum members in a

dialogue regarding future land uses and, as a result, obtained input from the local communities on their future plans for the land in and around the site.

Lastly, the local communities (as defined above) have been extensively involved in all aspects of the Kress Creek Site. In 1998, the local communities and Kerr-McGee asked USEPA for time to negotiate separately regarding cleanup of the Kress Creek Site. USEPA gave those parties time to negotiate, and as a result the local communities were directly involved in the site investigation process, as Kerr-McGee conducted intensive radiological gamma scans and nearly 14,000 delineation drilling locations as part of their negotiations with the local communities. The local communities and Kerr-McGee ultimately reached a conceptual agreement for cleanup of the site and presented that proposal to USEPA in February 2002.

4.0 Scope and Role of Response Action

This ROD is the first, and is intended to be the only, ROD for the Kress Creek Site. The Kress Creek Site is being addressed as a single operable unit under the framework set forth in CERCLA. Therefore, the selected remedy specified in this ROD will serve as the final action for the entire site.

5.0 Site Characteristics

5.1 Conceptual Site Model

The conceptual site model (CSM) provides an understanding of the site based on the sources of the contaminants of concern, potential transport pathways and environmental receptors.

Based on the nature and extent of the contamination and the fate and transport mechanisms described in the RI Report, the CSM for the Kress Creek Site includes the following components:

- the contaminants of concern are thorium residuals (primarily fine particles and tailings) from the historic processing of thorium-containing monazite ores at the REF, including primarily radionuclides in the thorium decay chain and, to a lesser extent, radionuclides in the uranium decay chain and elemental metals associated with the thorium-containing ores;

- the highest sediment and soil radioactivity levels were found in the creek, with radioactivity levels generally decreasing in the downstream portion of the river;

- the higher radioactivity levels in the floodplain soils were predominantly found in floodplain areas closest to the waterway as compared to further from the waterway;

- the radiological contaminants are distributed in the environment along with other fine-grained materials;

- the presence of a clean overburden[1] layer on top of some areas of contaminated soils and sediments indicates the ongoing burial of radiological contaminants; and

- the primary contaminant transport mechanism is solids transport via surface water, with subsequent downstream deposition either in quiescent areas of the creek or river or in overbank floodplain areas during high flow events.

For risk assessment purposes, the conceptual site models used to illustrate contaminant distribution, release mechanisms, potential exposure pathways and migration routes, and potentially-exposed populations, are depicted in Figures 3 through 5. (Figure 3 shows the conceptual site model used in the human health risk assessment. Figures 4 and 5 show the conceptual site models used in the ecological risk assessment for radionuclides and other chemical contaminants, respectively.)

5.2 Site Overview

The Kress Creek Site is located approximately 30 miles west of downtown Chicago in suburban DuPage County, Illinois, one of the fastest growing segments of the greater metropolitan Chicago area. The site includes a combined 6.7 miles of creek and river and is depicted in Figures 1 and 2. The first stretch of the site is approximately 1.5 miles long and comprises Kress Creek from the storm sewer outfall to the confluence with the West Branch DuPage River. The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway is located immediately west of the storm sewer outfall at the northern end of the site. Not far downstream from the outfall the creek reaches a residential neighborhood and widens into a section known as Gunness Lake, the widest portion of the creek. Below Gunness Lake, the creek again narrows and passes through Manville Oaks Park, the grounds of the Nichiren Shoshu Temple, another residential area and forest preserve land before reaching the West Branch DuPage River.

The second stretch of the site is approximately 5.2 miles long and extends along the West Branch DuPage River from its confluence with the creek to the McDowell Dam. Along this stretch, the river passes through a mixture of forest preserve land and residential areas, then the grounds of the Warrenville Cenacle (a place for religious/spiritual retreats), before reaching the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve and the impounded area behind the Warrenville Dam. Below the Warrenville Dam, the river continues for approximately 2 more miles through residential and commercial areas and then the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve to the McDowell Dam.

Kress Creek varies from 10 feet to 45 feet in width and is generally 1 to 2 feet in depth. The creek banks are heavily vegetated in some sections and vary in height and slope. The creek is mostly sand and rock with some regions of hard clay and limited amounts of aquatic vegetation.

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[1] Overburden is material overlying other materials; in this case, clean materials that have been deposited upon and covered the contaminated materials.

Monthly average flows range from about 9 cubic feet per second (cfs) in September to about 25 cfs in April, with a yearly average of approximately 16 cfs.

The West Branch DuPage River is approximately 40 to 50 feet wide and 2 to 5 feet deep, and generally has gravel banks and a stream bed that is stony and covered with vegetation. In the wide, impounded area upstream of the McDowell Dam, water depths are fairly shallow, ranging from 1 to 3 feet over much of the area to near 10 feet in the deepest, channelized section. Monthly average flows range from about 63 cfs in October to about 184 cfs in April, with a yearly average of approximately 107 cfs. The West Branch DuPage River is one of two branches of the DuPage River. The DuPage River is part of the 1,386 square mile Des Plaines River Drainage Basin. The Des Plaines River flows to the Illinois River which in turn empties into the Mississippi River.

As illustrated by the recorded stream flow values cited above, the flows in both the creek and river vary seasonally, with higher flows typically occurring in the spring from March until May or June, lower flows occurring in summer from July to October, and moderate flows occurring during the winter from November to February. Average flow in the streams can vary by an order of magnitude from year to year, and flows between drought and flood conditions can be expected to vary by several orders of magnitude. (An order of magnitude is a factor of ten.) Flooding of both the creek and the river is common. Heavy rains have been reported to cause the creek to rise as much as 11 feet and overflow its banks as much as 200 to 800 feet laterally.

DuPage County lies within the Great Lakes and Till Plain section of the Central Lowlands physiographic province which consists of glaciated lowlands. Elevations range from 730 feet above mean sea level near the storm sewer outfall to 690 feet near the McDowell Dam. The topography of the creek and river generally slopes from north to south with an average gradient of 6.61 feet per mile and 3.7 feet per mile, respectively. The generalized site geology consists of the following, starting at ground surface: alluvial deposits (where present along the stream channels and floodplains); discontinuous clayey glacial till; sandy, silty, and/or gravelly outwash materials; clayey glacial till; and dolomite bedrock.

Wetlands are present along the creek and river and have been identified and described in studies using the Cowardin classification system and the criteria in the 1987 *Wetlands Delineation Manual*. The wetland studies summarized in the RI Report identified 37 wetlands along the Kress Creek Site totaling 48 acres. The majority of the wetlands exhibited palustrine deciduous forest characteristics. Much of the wetland areas have been overgrown with invasive weeds such as garlic mustard, buckthorn and reed canary grass. None of the wetland studies performed to date have identified any "high quality" wetlands at the site.

5.3 Sampling Strategy

Both USEPA and Kerr-McGee conducted investigation work at the site as part of the remedial investigation. As part of its fund-lead RI/FS work, USEPA conducted sampling at the site in

1993 and 1995. At the time, the site study area extended only as far south as the Warrenville Dam. Kerr-McGee later conducted additional, extensive site investigations beginning in 1997 as a result of its negotiations with the local communities. During that time, the site study area was extended approximately two miles further south to the McDowell Dam, although only certain selected areas of the added stretch were tested at that time. Specifically, as part of its negotiations with the local communities, Kerr-McGee tested the wide, impounded area located upstream of the McDowell Dam. The remaining areas of the two-mile downstream stretch initially were not tested.

As a result of the October 2003 Agreement in Principle between Kerr-McGee and the United States, Kerr-McGee is testing the remaining areas of the two-mile stretch between the Warrenville Dam and the McDowell Dam. The testing of those additional areas was conducted from the fall of 2003 through December 2004. The data from that stretch of river was not available when the RI and FS Reports were finalized in May 2004, and the results are not included in this ROD because USEPA's review of the data is not yet complete. Kerr-McGee prepared and submitted a draft supplemental data report to USEPA at the end of December 2004. When finalized and approved by USEPA, the supplemental data report will be available for public review. Preliminary findings of the additional investigation are discussed in Section 5.6 of this ROD.

USEPA's testing in 1993 included radiological walkover surveys of bank and floodplain areas along the creek and river, and sampling of soil, sediment, surface water and fish for radionuclides and other chemicals. USEPA also conducted terrestrial and aquatic community surveys. Isotopic analysis of the radiological samples was conducted by USEPA's National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL) in Montgomery, Alabama. (Surface water samples for radionuclides exceeded holding times and were not analyzed.[2]) Based on knowledge of the very insoluble nature of the thorium contaminants and past experience at the Residential Areas Site (i.e., IEMA/DNS had conducted groundwater sampling at a number of extensively-contaminated residential properties), groundwater was eliminated as a media of concern during the project planning phase and, therefore, was not sampled. Additionally, based on the fact that there had been earlier radiological studies of the creek and river conducted on behalf of the NRC prior to the site's listing on the NPL, USEPA's sampling strategy was designed to build upon and confirm the earlier data that had been collected. As a result, fewer samples were collected at the site than if no earlier studies had been done. USEPA recognized that a significant amount of additional site characterization work would be necessary later, during the pre-design or design phase.

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[2] Analysis of the surface water samples for other chemical contaminants was conducted. Based on the very insoluble nature of the thorium contaminants and experience at other sites, USEPA decided not to resample the surface water for radionuclides because surface water was not expected to be a media of concern for those contaminants.

USEPA's 1995 testing focused on the creek and included radiological walkover surveys of the sediment surface and radiological sampling of sediments. The 1995 samples were analyzed by the IEMA/DNS laboratory.

Beginning in 1997 and continuing through 2003, Kerr-McGee conducted extensive, voluntary radiological characterization work at the site. Kerr-McGee's sampling strategy, developed as an outgrowth of its negotiations with the local communities, was to fully characterize the site and collect enough data to support detailed design efforts for site cleanup. Kerr-McGee's testing included radiological surface gamma scans of essentially 100% of the sediments, banks and affected floodplains. If gamma readings indicated materials exceeding 7.2 pCi/g (see footnote[3]) combined radium (the cleanup standard used by USEPA at both the Residential Areas Site and the Reed-Keppler Park Site), then Kerr-McGee conducted delineation drilling and down-hole gamma logging at those locations, with "step-out" locations conducted as needed to find the clean edges of contaminated areas. At each delineation drilling location, gamma readings were collected from each 6-inch depth interval until a minimum depth of 36 inches (3 feet) below ground surface was reached. This depth was extended, if necessary, to achieve a minimum of two consecutive readings below the 7.2 pCi/g criterion. The extensive down-hole gamma logging data collected by Kerr-McGee provides information on both the vertical and areal extent of contamination. Between 1997 and 2003, Kerr-McGee's voluntary characterization efforts included nearly 14,000 borings at the Kress Creek Site to characterize the extent of radioactive contamination. Kerr-McGee collected a limited number of soil and sediment samples for isotopic laboratory analysis, but the vast majority of the Kerr-McGee data consisted of field-collected gamma data. The area covered by this work included all site areas downstream to the Warrenville Dam and the wide, impounded area located upstream of the McDowell Dam.

As discussed previously, Kerr-McGee has conducted additional site investigation work in the remainder of the two-mile stretch between the Warrenville Dam and the McDowell Dam as a result of the October 2003 Agreement in Principle. The additional investigation work was conducted from the fall of 2003 through December 2004. Similar to the investigation work conducted from 1997-2003, the testing in the two-mile downstream stretch of the river includes extensive surface gamma scans and, where needed, delineation drilling and downhole gamma logging to characterize the areal and vertical extent of radioactive contamination.

Although Kerr-McGee did not submit to USEPA for approval a work plan and quality assurance project plan (QAPP) prior to conducting the voluntary characterization efforts, Kerr-McGee had prepared such internal documents and followed them during the voluntary characterization effort. (Kerr-McGee already had experience dealing with USEPA on such matters, having already prepared similar documents for USEPA approval for both the Residential Areas Site and the Reed-Keppler Park Site cleanups.) After Kerr-McGee and the local communities presented their conceptual cleanup proposal to USEPA, and as a result of subsequent discussions between all the parties, Kerr-McGee formally submitted to USEPA for approval its *"Investigation Work Plan for*

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[3] More details of how the 7.2 pCi/g criterion was derived are provided in Sections 8.1 and 8.2 of this ROD.

the Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site." The document, which included an Investigation Work Plan, a QAPP, a Health and Safety Plan and an Emergency Contingency Plan, was used by Kerr-McGee for all the prior characterization work and would be used by Kerr-McGee for any continuing/future characterization work at the site. The document included many of the Standard Operating Procedures that already had been approved by USEPA for use at the Reed-Keppler Park Site and/or Residential Areas Site. USEPA determined that the document conformed to USEPA guidance regarding sampling, quality assurance/quality control, data validation and chain-of-custody procedures, and USEPA approved the document (for all past and future characterization work at the site) on August 26, 2003. USEPA considers Kerr-McGee's data acceptable for use for both remedy selection and design purposes.

In addition to the radiological testing, Kerr-McGee also conducted wetlands delineation studies, a tree survey (for negotiations with the local communities), and terrestrial and aquatic community surveys.

For purposes of the risk assessment, USEPA chose to use only that radiological data based on laboratory isotopic analysis of samples, which provides specific results for individual radionuclides. Kerr-McGee's extensive surface gamma scan and down-hole gamma logging data represent field screening level analysis; such gamma data was relied upon heavily in determining the extent of contamination at the site, but was not used for input in the radiological risk assessment process because of the lack of isotopic analysis. Although the isotopic data was a smaller data set, the range of values used for risk assessment purposes was consistent with the larger gamma data set and was sufficient to demonstrate risk at the site. Site risks are discussed in Section 7 of this ROD.

5.4 Source of Contamination

Contaminants at the Kress Creek Site originated at the REF, entering the creek via a storm sewer located along the western edge of the REF. The storm sewer collected contaminated surface water runoff from the piles of thorium mill tailings and other contaminated areas at the REF and discharged the contaminants into the creek at the storm sewer outfall (shown on Figures 1 and 2). (Note that other non-site-related contaminants also could have entered the creek via the storm sewer. Non-site-related contaminants also could have entered the creek and/or river from the nearby railroad, runoff from highways, and/or other non-point sources in the watershed.)

USEPA collected samples from inside the storm sewer structure to evaluate whether the REF and/or the storm sewer were continuing sources of contamination to the creek. USEPA's analytical results from those samples, combined with engineering control of REF surface runoff and the ongoing cleanup of that facility under the IEMA/DNS license, confirm that neither the REF nor the storm sewer is a continuing source of radioactive contamination at the Kress Creek Site.

5.5 Types of Contaminants and Affected Media

The contaminants of concern at the Kress Creek Site are radionuclides in the thorium decay chain and, to a lesser extent, the uranium decay chain. The thorium and uranium decay chains are depicted in Figures 6 and 7, respectively. Elemental metals associated with the monazite ores and thorium tailings from the REF, such as arsenic and lead, also were contaminants of potential concern. The media of concern are creek and river sediments and banks and floodplain soils. Although arsenic and lead were detected in some sediment and soil samples, at times above relevant screening levels, they do not drive risks at the site. The fact that the areas of elevated metals are co-located with thorium materials means that any remedial measures that address the radiological contamination also will address any areas of elevated metals.

In addition to the contaminants discussed above, other chemicals were detected in some of the samples collected at the site. For example, some semivolatile organic compounds (benzo(a)anthracene, benzo(a)pyrene and benzo(b)fluoranthene) were detected in one or two samples and a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB, Arochlor 1260) was detected once. These other chemical contaminants were evaluated in the risk assessment, and although they were carried through the risk assessment process as contaminants of potential concern, none of them drive the need for cleanup at the site. Additionally, these other chemicals are not believed to be site-related. As discussed in Section 5.4 above, there are many other potential sources of contamination in the creek and river besides the REF, including the nearby railroad, runoff from roads, and other non-point sources in the watershed.

The radiological contaminants of concern – thorium and uranium decay chain materials – are in secular equilibrium at the site, meaning that the concentration of the various radionuclides within a decay chain is the same. Due to the higher radiotoxicity of radium-228 (Ra-228) and radium-226 (Ra-226), which are daughter products of thorium-232 and uranium-238, respectively, those two radium isotopes are representative of the contaminants of concern. This section of the ROD, therefore, focuses primarily on their characteristics. Ra-226 and Ra-228 have limited interaction characteristics (i.e., they do not volatilize or oxidize) and do not undergo biodegradation, so this section addresses only their relevant characteristics.

5.5.1 Physiochemical Properties

An element with a high distribution coefficient will partition preferentially to soil or sediment. Ra-226 and Ra-228 have distribution coefficients of 250 milliliters per gram (mL/g) and are considered very immobile in soil/sediment.

5.5.2 Constituent Transformation

All radionuclides undergo transformation through radioactive decay. The radiological contamination at the site is predominantly thorium-232, which has a half-life of about 14 billion years (see Figure 6). The half-life of uranium-238, the parent of the other decay chain, is 4.5

billion years (see Figure 7). Although the half-lives of their radium daughters are significantly shorter (5.7 years for Ra-228 and 1,600 years for Ra-226), the radium daughters are being constantly replenished by the long-lived parent radionuclides. As a result, radium concentrations at the site will not decrease appreciably for billions of years if left in place.

5.5.3 Constituent Persistence

Due to the factors described above, the radiological contaminants at the site will persist in soil and sediment for billions of years if left in place.

5.5.4 Toxicity Assessment

USEPA classifies all radionuclides as known human carcinogens, based on their property of emitting ionizing radiation and on the extensive weight of evidence provided by epidemiological studies of radiogenic cancers in humans. Ionizing radiation has been shown to be a carcinogen, a mutagen, and a teratogen. Evaluation of the health risks of radionuclides typically consider only the carcinogenic effects, because, in most cases, cancer risks are limiting, exceeding both mutagenic and teratogenic risks. However, some radionuclides also can exhibit chemical toxicity. Uranium, for example, can be associated with noncarcinogenic toxic effects such as kidney damage.

5.6 Extent of Contamination

This section presents a summary of the results associated with the RI conducted at the site. A full description of the RI activities and sampling results is contained in the May 2004 *Remedial Investigation Report* which is included in the Administrative Record for the site.

As mentioned in Section 5.3 above, both USEPA and Kerr-McGee conducted characterization efforts at the site. Tables 1 through 3 contain a summary of the total radium, thorium and uranium concentrations, respectively, by matrix and reach[4], based on USEPA's 1993 and 1995 sampling efforts. Because these data were based on laboratory isotopic analysis of samples, they (along with a limited amount of isotopic data collected by Kerr-McGee) were used in the risk assessment for the site. USEPA's sampling was limited in scope and included only shallow soil and sediment samples, whereas Kerr-McGee's later extensive surface scan and downhole gamma data provide a much more thorough picture of the lateral and vertical extent of contamination at the site. USEPA's data indicates that the highest radioactivity levels in sediment and soil are found in Kress Creek, with lower concentrations found in the river downstream of the confluence. At the time of USEPA's field work, the site study area extended only as far downstream as the Warrenville Dam. As shown in Table 1, the highest concentration of total

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[4] In Tables 1 through 3, the reach entitled "West Branch DuPage River Background" refers to a location upstream of the Sewage Treatment Plant (which is located on the river upstream of the confluence) and "West Branch DuPage River Downstream" refers to the river downstream of the confluence.

radium was 843 pCi/g in the creek sediment and 673 pCi/g in creek floodplain soil; the highest concentration of total radium in river floodplain soil was 64 pCi/g, and none of the river sediment samples USEPA collected exceeded 7.2 pCi/g. Of the three samples USEPA collected from the storm sewer structure, the only sample that exceeded 7.2 pCi/g was the one collected at the outfall's discharge at the creek (9.3 pCi/g).

Kerr-McGee's characterization efforts, conducted from 1997 through 2003, included radiological surface gamma scans of essentially 100% of the sediments, banks and affected floodplains. As described earlier in Section 5.3 of this ROD, if the surface gamma readings indicated materials exceeding 7.2 pCi/g, Kerr-McGee conducted delineation drilling and down-hole gamma logging at those locations, with "step-out" locations conducted as needed to delineate the horizontal and vertical extent of contamination. At each delineation drilling location, gamma readings were collected from each 6-inch depth interval until a minimum depth of 36 inches (3 feet) was reached. This depth was extended, if necessary, to achieve a minimum of two consecutive readings below the 7.2 pCi/g criterion.

Figures 8 through 10 show the locations and results of Kerr-McGee's delineation drilling effort for the northern, central and southern portions of the site, respectively (excluding the testing recently conducted in the downstream stretch of the river). On those figures, delineation drilling locations that had any reading in the test hole exceeding 7.2 pCi/g are shown as orange dots, while locations with no readings exceeding 7.2 pCi/g are shown as black dots. Contiguous areas exceeding 7.2 pCi/g are shaded in yellow. (Note that Figure 8 also includes information for the Kerr-McGee Sewage Treatment Plant Site, including the river portion of that site located upstream of the confluence with Kress Creek, because both the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites were addressed in the same RI and FS reports. The Sewage Treatment Plant Site was addressed in a separate ROD signed by USEPA Region 5 on September 30, 2004.)

As shown by Figures 8 through 10, materials with total radium concentrations greater than 7.2 pCi/g are generally more extensive in and along the creek as compared to the river downstream of the confluence. In the creek, elevated radioactivity levels were found in both the channel and floodplain in the area between the storm sewer outfall and Joy Road (the street at the southern end of the first residential subdivision). South of Joy Road, elevated radioactivity was more extensive in the floodplain than in the channel. In the river downstream of the confluence (excluding the wide, impounded areas upstream of the two dams), elevated radioactivity levels are predominantly present in the floodplain near the shoreline, in low lying areas where floodwater would naturally accumulate and on the inside of river bends. In the depositional areas behind the Warrenville and McDowell Dams, elevated radioactivity levels were found in the deposited sediments.

Summary statistics from Kerr-McGee's delineation drilling efforts to date are provided in the table below (excluding the testing recently conducted in the downstream stretch of the river). The table shows the number of borings for Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River downstream of the confluence where a measurement greater than 7.2 pCi/g was obtained in the 0-

to 6-inch depth interval and the number of borings where any depth interval had readings greater than 7.2 pCi/g. The average and maximum radioactivity levels for these locations are provided. As shown in the table, radioactivity generally decreases in the downstream direction.

Reach	Borings with Measurement > 7.2 pCi/g	Average (pCi/g)	Maximum (pCi/g)
0- to 6-inch Depth Interval			
Kress Creek	1,786	22.9	310
West Branch DuPage River Downstream of Confluence	1,182	16.9	213
All Depth Intervals			
Kress Creek	2,357	41.3	897
West Branch DuPage River Downstream of Confluence	3,317	26.5	402

For the 0- to 6-inch depth interval, the average radioactivity is 22.9 pCi/g in the creek and 16.9 pCi/g in the river. When the subset of data from the depositional area upstream of the McDowell Dam area (the furthest downstream portion of the river) is evaluated separately, only three 0- to 6-inch depth interval measurements exhibit total radium radioactivity greater than 7.2 pCi/g, with an average of 9.0 pCi/g. The maximum 0- to 6-inch depth interval radioactivity level was 310 pCi/g in the creek and 213 pCi/g in the river.

Considering radiological measurements from all depths, the maximum radioactivity occurs at the very upstream ends of the reaches, indicating that mixing with clean soils and/or sediments has occurred as the material was historically transported from the source area to downstream areas. The maximum radioactivity of 897 pCi/g was detected near the storm sewer outfall in the creek. In the river, the maximum level of 402 pCi/g was found at a location just downstream of the confluence with the creek. For comparison, the maximum radioactivity in the subset of data from the McDowell Dam area was 31 pCi/g, an order of magnitude lower than the maximum values in other areas of the creek and river.

To enable a general evaluation of the vertical extent of the radioactivity, summary statistics for the creek and river are provided in the table below. This table shows the total number of borings installed, the number of borings with measurements greater than 7.2 pCi/g, the average depth of overburden material on top of contaminated soils/sediments, and the average depth below the surface to which the materials exceeding 7.2 pCi/g extended. The average thickness of the contaminated layer also is provided.

Reach	Borings	Borings with Measurement > 7.2 pCi/g	Average Depth of Overburden covering Contaminated Layer (feet)	Average Depth of Base of Contaminated Layer (feet)	Average Thickness of Contaminated Layer (feet)
Kress Creek	5,601	2,357	0.3	1.7	1.4
West Branch DuPage River	8,154	3,317	1.0	2.4	1.4

As shown in the table above, the average thickness of the layer of contaminated materials in the soil/sediment of the creek and river is the same (1.4 feet). However, the contaminated layer in the river is considerably deeper than in the creek, with the average thickness of overburden in the creek being 0.3 foot, compared to 1.0 feet in the river. It should be noted, however, that the average thickness of both the contaminated layer and the overburden layer in the river is influenced by the inclusion of data from the impounded areas behind the Warrenville and McDowell Dams. If the data from those impounded areas are examined separately from the rest of the river, the thickness of the contaminated layer would be 2.3 feet for the Warrenville Dam area and 2.0 feet for the McDowell Dam area. Additionally, the average thickness of the overburden layer covering the contamination would be 1.3 feet near the Warrenville Dam and 2.8 feet near the McDowell Dam. This compares to an average 1.1 foot layer of contaminated sediment in the remaining areas of the river downstream of the confluence (excluding the impounded areas), with an overburden layer averaging 0.7 feet thick covering the contaminated layer. These data reflect the higher, more consistent sedimentation rates occurring in impounded areas compared to faster, free-flowing areas of the creek and river.

The total volume of identified material above 7.2 pCi/g at the Kress Creek Site currently is estimated to be approximately 75,000 cubic yards. Of that total, approximately 25,000 cubic yards consists of sediments located in the wide, impounded area upstream of the Warrenville Dam and 10,000 cubic yards consists of sediments located in the wide, impounded area upstream of the McDowell Dam.

As noted in Section 5.3 above, the data recently collected from the not-previously-tested portion of the two-mile stretch of river between the Warrenville and McDowell Dams were not available when the RI Report was finalized in May 2004 and are not included in this ROD because USEPA's review of the data is not yet complete. Based on a preliminary review of the data, it appears that the investigation identified additional areas of contamination in that stretch of the river. The areas of contamination appear to be generally thin, laterally continuous and less than 30 pCi/g, with the thickest and highest concentrations occurring on the banks near the edge of the river. USEPA anticipates that the volume of additional contamination identified in that stretch of river will be relatively small when compared with the 10,000 cubic yards of targeted materials already identified in the wide, impounded area upstream of the McDowell Dam in that same stretch. Further, USEPA anticipates that the volume of additional contamination that may be identified will be minimal when compared with the estimated 75,000 cubic yards of targeted materials already identified site-wide. As a result, the findings of the additional investigation

may modestly increase both the total volume of contamination at the site and the cost of the selected remedy but would not affect the selection of a remedy for the site. Kerr-McGee prepared and submitted a draft supplemental data report to USEPA at the end of December 2004. When finalized and approved by USEPA, that supplemental data report will be available for public review. Any additional contamination identified in that stretch of the river will be addressed during the design and implementation of the remedy selected in this ROD, in the same manner as the contamination already identified.

6.0 Current and Potential Future Land and Resource Uses

Current land use along the creek and river includes residential areas, parks, county forest preserves, and property owned by religious organizations and government entities. Along the length of the site, approximately 40% of the affected areas are estimated to be residential use areas, with the remaining 60% comprised of park or forest preserve areas used for recreational purposes. Future land use is anticipated to remain the same (i.e., mixture of residential and recreational use), with additional residential development likely occurring along the river corridor.

Creek and river surface water are used for recreational purposes (e.g., canoeing when water levels are high enough, recreational fishing) but the water is not used as a drinking water source and is not expected to be used as a drinking water source in the future.

Due to the insoluble nature of the thorium contamination at the site and experience at other sites, USEPA eliminated ground water as a media of concern very early in the RI planning process. As a result, no ground water samples were collected from the site and ground water is not discussed further in this document.

7.0 Summary of Site Risks

USEPA prepared a baseline human health risk assessment and a screening-level ecological risk assessment for the Kress Creek Site to evaluate potential risks to human health and the environment if no action were taken. The risk assessments provide the basis for taking action and identify the contaminants and exposure pathways that need to be addressed by the remedial action. This section of the ROD summarizes the results of the baseline human health risk assessment and the screening-level ecological risk assessment for the site.

The risk assessments evaluated the risks from both radiological and non-radiological contaminants at the site in various media. In accordance with USEPA guidance on preparing RODs, the discussion here focuses on the information that is driving the need for the response action at the site and does not necessarily summarize the entire baseline human health or ecological risk assessment. Further information is contained in the risk assessment documents, entitled *Final Human Health Risk Assessment* (May 2004) and *Final Ecological Risk Assessment* (May 2004); both documents are included in the Administrative Record for the site.

For purposes of the radiological portions of the risk assessments, USEPA chose to use only that radiological data based on laboratory isotopic analysis of samples, which provides specific results for individual radionuclides. Kerr-McGee's surface gamma scan and down-hole gamma logging data do not include isotopic analysis and therefore were not used in the risk assessments. Although the isotopic data represented a smaller data set, the range of values used for risk assessment purposes was consistent with the larger gamma data set and was sufficient to fulfill the objectives of the risk assessment (i.e., to evaluate baseline risks and to provide the basis for taking action at the site).

7.1 Summary of Human Health Risk Assessment

The human health risk assessment evaluated the potential risks that could result to people from exposure to the contaminants at the site. The risk assessment evaluated the risks associated with a reasonable maximum exposure (RME) scenario. Based on the current and anticipated future land use at the site, USEPA evaluated the risks associated with both residential and recreational use scenarios.

Determining potential human health risks from radionuclides involves converting radionuclide concentrations in soil/sediment (pCi/g) into dose rates (millirem per year) or excess lifetime cancer risks using a dose assessment model. At the Kress Creek Site, the potential health risks associated with radionuclides were evaluated using RESRAD. Developed by the Argonne National Laboratory for the Department of Energy, the RESRAD ("RESidual RADioactivity") code is commonly used by both NRC and USEPA for the evaluation of radioactively-contaminated sites. USEPA used the most current version of RESRAD[5] to evaluate risks to human health at the Kress Creek Site.

7.1.1 Identification of Contaminants of Concern

A variety of contaminants (including radionuclides, inorganics, pesticides/PCBs and semivolatiles) and media (soil, sediment, surface water, fish tissue) were sampled at the site. USEPA identified in the risk assessment a number of radiological and chemical contaminants of potential concern that were carried through the risk assessment evaluation. This section focuses on only those contaminants of concern that drive the need for remedial action at the site.

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are radionuclides in the thorium decay chain and, to a lesser extent, the uranium decay chain. The primary media of concern are soil and sediment. The risk assessment evaluation did not distinguish between soil samples and sediment samples, but grouped all the soil and sediment sample results together for purposes of evaluating risk. Data usability was addressed in the *Data Quality Evaluation Technical Memorandum* (March 1996) and an addendum (August 1996), and all data used in the risk assessment were found

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[5] RESRAD Version 6.21; *User's Manual for RESRAD Version 6*, Argonne National Laboratory, Environmental Assessment Division, ANL/EAD-4, July 2001.

suitable for use. Both documents are included in the Administrative Record for the site (incorporated by reference from the Administrative Record for Removal Action at the Kerr-McGee Sewage Treatment Plant Upland Operable Unit, October 2003).

Table 4 summarizes the contaminants of concern in the soil and sediment at the site, as well as the range of detected concentrations, the frequency of detection and the exposure point concentration for each contaminant of concern. Note that some of the radiological contaminants of concern were detected in fish tissue but did not present unacceptable risks in that media. As a result, fish tissue is not included as a media of concern in Table 4.

As mentioned in Section 5.5 above, the risk assessment also evaluated other chemical (non-radiological) contaminants. For example, arsenic was identified in soil/sediment samples (86 detections out of 93 samples), as was benzo(a)anthracene (2 detections out of 6 samples), benzo(a)pyrene (1 detection out of 6 samples), benzo(b)fluoranthene (1 detection out of 6 samples), and PCB-1260 (1 detection out of 6 samples). Arsenic also was detected in fish tissue (1 detection out of 15 samples). Arsenic could be associated with the contamination from the REF but does not drive the risks nor the need for cleanup at the site. The other chemicals detected at the site are not believed to be site-related, but due to the low number of samples they were carried through the risk assessment evaluation. However, as with arsenic, none of these other chemicals drive the risks nor the need for cleanup at the site.

7.1.2 Exposure Assessment

Section 1.4 of the May 2004 *Final Human Health Risk Assessment* contains the exposure assessment for the site. The exposure assessment estimates the magnitude, frequency, duration, and routes of exposure to the contaminants of potential concern at the site, and describes all assumptions, data and methods used to evaluate the potential for human exposure to the site contaminants. The conceptual site model used in the human health risk assessment is included here as Figure 3. Table 5 shows the exposure pathways that were evaluated in the risk assessment.

The exposure factors used as RESRAD inputs for the residential and recreational scenarios evaluated at the Kress Creek Site are shown in Tables 6 and 7, respectively. For the residential scenario, the following pathways were evaluated: external gamma, inhalation (without radon), soil ingestion, and plant ingestion (from a home garden). Radon inhalation and fish ingestion for the residential scenario were calculated separately. For the recreational scenario, the following pathways were evaluated: external gamma, inhalation (without radon) and soil ingestion. Fish ingestion for the recreational scenario was calculated separately.

The exposure assumptions used to evaluate the risks from chemicals at the site can be found in Tables 1-2 through 1-6 of the May 2004 *Final Human Health Risk Assessment*. Those tables are not included in this ROD because non-radiological chemicals drive neither the risks nor the need for cleanup at the site.

7.1.3 Toxicity Assessment

USEPA classifies all radionuclides as known human carcinogens, based on their property of emitting ionizing radiation and on the extensive weight of evidence provided by epidemiological studies of radiogenic cancers in humans. Ionizing radiation has been shown to be a carcinogen, a mutagen, and a teratogen. Evaluation of the health risks of radionuclides typically consider only the carcinogenic effects, because, in most cases, cancer risks are limiting, exceeding both mutagenic and teratogenic risks. However, some radionuclides also can exhibit chemical toxicity. Uranium, for example, can be associated with noncarcinogenic toxic effects such as kidney damage. USEPA evaluated the carcinogenic risks from the radionuclides at the site and also the noncarcinogenic risks from uranium.

Excess lifetime cancer risks from intake of radionuclides were estimated using cancer slope factors (or risk coefficients) developed by USEPA. The cancer slope factors were based upon health effects data and dose and risk models from a number of national and international scientific advisory commissions and organizations. Radionuclide slope factors are calculated for each radionuclide individually, based on its unique chemical, metabolic and radioactive properties. These values have been incorporated into the updated Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables (HEAST) for radionuclides. Those same values were used in RESRAD to evaluate the risks at the Kress Creek Site and are shown in Table 8. Note that, unlike slope factors for most chemical contaminants, radionuclide ingestion and inhalation slope factors are not expressed as a function of body weight and time, and do not require corrections for gastrointestinal absorption or lung transfer efficiencies. Slope factors for radionuclides are characterized as central estimates in a linear model of the age-averaged lifetime total radiation cancer incidence risk per unit intake or exposure.

The potential for noncancer risks from uranium was evaluated in Appendix D of the May 2004 *Final Human Health Risk Assessment*. The evaluation involved converting the uranium activities (pCi/g) in soil and sediment to elemental concentrations (milligrams per kilogram), screening the maximum concentrations against USEPA Region 9's residential risk-based preliminary remediation goals, and then calculating the noncancer hazard index (the ratio of the contaminant intake to the reference dose). The results of the evaluation showed that uranium is not present at levels of concern at the site. More details regarding the evaluation of the noncancer risks from uranium can be found in the May 2004 *Final Human Health Risk Assessment*.

7.1.4 Risk Characterization

USEPA's risk guidance identifies a target cancer risk range of 10^{-4} to 10^{-6} (1 in 10,000 to 1 in a million) excess cancer risk for Superfund sites. If site contamination poses a risk of less than 10^{-6}, there is generally no need for action. Cancer risks greater than 10^{-4} generally require action to reduce and/or abate the risk, and cancer risks between 10^{-4} and 10^{-6} present a potential cause for remedial action. USEPA's guidance also indicates that a non-cancer hazard index exceeding

1.0 generally is a cause for action to reduce and/or abate the potential non-cancer risks associated with site contamination, while a hazard index less than 1.0 generally does not require action.

For the residential scenario, the cumulative excess lifetime cancer risks from all exposure pathways due to the contaminated soils and sediments at the site were estimated to be $2x10^{-2}$. Ra-228 was the main contributor to the elevated risk, accounting for approximately 58% of the total risk. Risks from radon and fish ingestion were calculated separately but are included in the risk estimate cited above.

For the recreational scenario, the cumulative excess lifetime cancer risks from all exposure pathways due to the contaminated soils and sediments at the site were estimated to be $2x10^{-3}$. Ra-228 again was the main contributor to the elevated risk, accounting for approximately 58% of the total risk. Risks from fish ingestion were calculated separately but are included in the risk estimate cited above.

An overall summary of the risk assessment results is provided in the table below. More detailed results (including the contribution from each radionuclide) are shown in Table 9 (residential scenario, recreational scenario, and radon inhalation) and Table 10 (fish ingestion). Even more detailed information, including the contribution from each radionuclide broken down by exposure pathway, can be found in Appendix B of the May 2004 *Final Human Health Risk Assessment*.

Scenario	Cumulative Excess Lifetime Cancer Risks - Radionuclides			
	Direct and Indirect Exposure Pathways	Radon	Fish Ingestion	Total Risks
Residential	$2x10^{-2}$	$5x10^{-3}$	$3x10^{-5}$	$2x10^{-2}$
Recreational	$2x10^{-3}$	NA	$3x10^{-5}$	$2x10^{-3}$

As shown in the table above, the estimated cumulative excess lifetime cancer risks due to the radiologically-contaminated soils and sediments at the site exceed the acceptable risk range of 10^{-6} to 10^{-4} for both the residential and recreational scenarios.

As mentioned in Section 7.1.3 above, the potential non-cancer risks associated with uranium were evaluated in the human health risk assessment. The non-cancer hazard index associated with uranium under a residential scenario was less than 1.0, indicating that the risks associated with the chemical toxicity of uranium are not a concern at the site.

7.2 Summary of Ecological Risk Assessment

USEPA conducted a screening-level ecological risk assessment for the site to help understand the actual or potential risks to the environment posed by the contaminants at the site. The purpose of a screening-level assessment is to determine the potential for risks based on conservative

assumptions and methodologies. A screening-level assessment consists of two primary steps: (1) screening-level problem formulation and ecological effects evaluation and (2) screening-level exposure estimate and risk characterization. Because ecological risks are not driving the need for cleanup at the site, only the most important highlights of the ecological risk assessment will be summarized in this ROD. More detailed information can be found in the May 2004 *Final Ecological Risk Assessment.*

7.2.1 Screening-Level Problem Formulation and Ecological Effects Evaluation

USEPA and Kerr-McGee both conducted terrestrial and aquatic community surveys at the site to help identify potential ecological receptors and evaluate potential impacts of site contaminants and cleanup activities on the ecosystem. The May 2004 *Remedial Investigation Report* and the May 2004 *Final Ecological Risk Assessment* contain detailed information about the results of those surveys and summarize the ecological setting of the site. Both documents are in the Administrative Record for the site. Although several federal- or state-listed threatened or endangered species[6] are known to exist in the general project area of DuPage County, no such species were identified at the site during the terrestrial and aquatic surveys.

Both radionuclide and chemical contaminants were detected at the site. The conceptual site models for the ecological risk assessment are depicted in Figures 4 and 5 for radiological and chemical contaminants, respectively. Some contaminants such as uranium possess both radiological and chemical toxicity. However, there are no ecological benchmark values for uranium for the aquatic and terrestrial receptors of concern at the site. The chemical toxicity of uranium, therefore, was not evaluated in the ecological risk assessment. Also, USEPA expects that, on the population level, the radiological effects of uranium would supercede any potential chemical effects to ecological receptors and, therefore, the radiological benchmarks are considered adequately protective.

Radionuclides

For purposes of the screening-level evaluation for radionuclides at the site, radionuclide concentrations were screened for potential ecological effects using the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) RAD-BCG model. This model provides a graded approach to evaluate compliance with specified limits on radiation dose to populations of aquatic animals, terrestrial plants and terrestrial animals. Specifically, these dose limits are:

- Aquatic animals: The absorbed dose should not exceed 1 rad/day from exposure to radiation or radioactive material releases into the aquatic environment.

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[6] Federal-listed threatened or endangered species known to occur in DuPage County are the Indiana bat (endangered), the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid (threatened) and the Prairie Bush Clover (threatened). State-listed threatened or endangered species known to occur in DuPage County are the Yellow Headed Blackbird, the Black Tern, the Common Moorhen, the Black-Crowned Night Heron, the Great Egret, the Veery and the Least Weasel.

- Terrestrial plants: The absorbed dose should not exceed 1 rad/day from exposure to radiation or radioactive material releases into the terrestrial environment.

- Terrestrial animals: The absorbed dose should not exceed 0.1 rad/day from exposure to radiation or radioactive material releases into the terrestrial environment.

Avoiding measurable impairment of reproductive capability is deemed to be the critical biological endpoint in establishing the dose limits for aquatic and terrestrial biota. To this end, appreciable population effects would not be expected at doses lower than 1 rad/day for aquatic biota and 0.1 rad/day for terrestrial biota, thereby establishing a level of adequate protection.

The graded approach methodology used by the model incorporates both internal and external sources of dose and sets a limiting concentration for an environmental medium by back-calculating the concentration that would result in the applicable dose (e.g., the bulleted dose limits above). The DOE defines a biota concentration guide (BCG) as the limiting concentration of a radionuclide in soil, sediment or water that would not cause the dose limits to be exceeded. The BCGs used in the model are derived from the most sensitive potential receptor for which radionuclide toxicity data exist (for reproductive effects) for a given contaminant. Therefore, these receptors should be considered conservative indicators of risk and protective of less sensitive species. The receptors used are: "riparian animal," "terrestrial animal," "aquatic animal" and "terrestrial plant."

The model compares a representative radionuclide concentration with generic BCGs and calculates a fraction, and in turn, those fractions are summed for each radionuclide in each medium. If the sum of the partial fractions is greater than 1.0, then the site does not pass the screen. Under this model, the first tier screen is the most conservative evaluation and uses the maximum detected concentration of each radionuclide. The second tier screen uses the arithmetic mean concentration to be more realistic of site conditions.

Chemicals

The chemical contaminants detected in the soil, sediment and surface water at the site were screened to identify those projected to be the most deleterious to ecological receptors. Such contaminants of potential concern were selected on the basis of comparison to existing ecologically-based benchmark values available from various published studies. In general, highly conservative assumptions are used in the development of these media- and constituent-specific benchmarks. The intent of such an approach is to provide an estimate of a threshold concentration below which adverse effects are considered unlikely to even the most sensitive receptors. As an added measure of conservatism, USEPA used the lowest reported benchmark value for the comparisons. Chemicals with hazard quotients greater than 1.0 were considered as contaminants of potential concern and those with hazard quotients greater than 10.0 were

considered potential risk drivers. Chemicals for which benchmarks do not exist were not evaluated quantitatively.

The following groups of receptors were evaluated using the hazard quotient screening technique described above: microbial community, plants, invertebrates, mammals (specifically the deer mouse, least shrew, mink and raccoon) and birds (specifically the American robin, mallard, and great blue heron).

Seven screening assessment endpoints were selected to evaluate the risk from chemicals to ecological receptor populations at the site. The assessment endpoints and the corresponding representative species or community are:

- survival and reproduction of terrestrial mammalian omnivores (deer mouse)
- survival and reproduction of terrestrial mammalian insectivores (least shrew)
- survival and reproduction of terrestrial avian omnivores (American robin)
- survival and reproduction of semi-aquatic mammalian piscivores (mink)
- survival and reproduction of semi-aquatic mammalian omnivores (raccoon)
- survival and reproduction of semi-aquatic avian omnivores (mallard)
- survival and reproduction of semi-aquatic avian piscivores (great blue heron)

Ecological exposures to chemicals at the site were determined by estimating the concentration of each chemical in each relevant dietary component. Details regarding the exposure point concentrations and dietary intakes for each receptor species can be found in the May 2004 *Final Ecological Risk Assessment.*

7.2.2 Screening-Level Exposure Estimate and Risk Characterization

Radionuclides

The results of the RAD-BCG screening using maximum concentrations (first tier) and mean concentrations (second tier) are provided in Tables 11 and 12, respectively. The site failed both site screens, indicating the potential for adverse impacts to the environment from the radiological contaminants at the site. Combined radium (Ra-228 and Ra-226) was the risk driver in both cases. However, the results are likely overly-conservative as explained below:

- Because no data were available for radionuclide concentrations in water (samples sent to NAREL exceeded holding times and were not analyzed), the model used very conservative assumptions regarding the distribution coefficient for radium.

- For both tiers, the partial fractions for water (where no actual data was available) far exceeded those for sediment (where actual data was used): 2900 versus 8.5 for the first tier, and 130 versus 0.39 for the second tier.

- For the second tier, the site screen failed based solely on the calculated partial fraction for water; the partial fraction for sediment was below 1.0.

- The distribution coefficient for radium (-226 and -228) used by USEPA in risk evaluations for all the other Kerr-McGee West Chicago sites is 250 mL/g, based on reported literature values. In its work related to the REF, Kerr-McGee made measurements which showed that the distribution coefficient for the radium from its processing operations is 249 mL/g. In contrast, the distribution coefficient used in the RAD-BCG model is 70 mL/g, indicating a theoretical propensity to migrate into the aqueous fraction; this is the reason for the high calculated partial fractions for both Ra-228 and Ra-226. However, under natural conditions Ra-228 and Ra-226 remain bound to soil/sediment and the actual surface water concentrations would be expected to be lower than those calculated by the model.

Typically, when a site fails the screening level assessment a baseline ecological risk assessment would be recommended to provide a more site-specific, less conservative estimate of risks at the site. A baseline ecological risk assessment was not conducted at the Kress Creek Site because there are limited constituent-specific data for ecological receptors for radionuclides and there would be nothing with which to compare the results of a baseline risk assessment. In general, there are not a lot of data available for ecological receptors exposed to radionuclides, particularly the specific receptors of concern and/or the contaminants identified at this site. The lumped parameters, distribution coefficients and BCGs used in the screening level risk assessment were designed to be conservative and indicated the potential for ecological risks at the site, and a more detailed evaluation would not have refined that conclusion.

Furthermore, the response action selected in this ROD – excavation and off-site disposal of the pre-defined envelopes of material that exceed 7.2 pCi/g of combined Ra-228 and -226 – is protective of biota when compared to the toxicological thresholds used in the DOE-BCG model to calculate risk. The BCGs for Ra-228 and Ra-226 are 90 pCi/g and 100pCi/g, respectively. Implementation of the remedy selected in this ROD, therefore, is protective of biota. Although USEPA is not establishing a cleanup standard for total uranium (combined uranium-238, -234 and -235) for the Kress Creek Site, comparison of the highest concentrations of total uranium detected at the site to the BCG used in the model shows that uranium is not present at levels of concern to biota. The highest concentration of total uranium detected at the site was more than an order of magnitude less than the BCG of 2000 pCi/g used in the model.

Chemicals

For contaminants detected in site soils/sediments, ten inorganics, 13 semivolatile organics, one pesticide and one PCB had hazard quotients greater than 1.0. Of these, five metals (arsenic, copper, lead, mercury and zinc), six semivolatile organics (acenaphthene, acenaphthylene, anthracene, benzo(a)anthracene, fluorene and phenanthrene, all polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

or PAHs), one pesticide (p,p'-DDD) and one PCB (Aroclor 1260) had hazard quotients greater than 10.0.

For surface water, five inorganics had hazard quotients greater than 1.0. Of these, two (barium and copper) had hazard quotients greater than 10.0.

Based on food web modeling, it appears likely that metals, Aroclor 1260 and some polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons have the potential to bioaccumulate in semi-aquatic receptors that are dependent upon the creek and river. Of these, modeled body burdens of aluminum, lead, mercury, zinc, chrysene and pyrene in mink, great blue heron and mallard were the highest relative to ecological benchmarks.

With respect to chemicals at the site, copper, lead, mercury, chrysene and pyrene were identified as the most important contaminants of potential concern. Lead could be associated with the contamination from the REF, but any remedial measures that address the radiological contamination at the site also would address areas of elevated lead associated with the thorium materials. None of the other chemicals mentioned above are known to be associated with the thorium materials from the REF and likely are due to other sources of contaminants to the creek and river (as discussed in Section 5.4 above).

7.3 Basis for Action

A response action at the Kress Creek Site is warranted because, using RME assumptions, the cumulative excess lifetime carcinogenic risk to human health exceeds 10^{-4} for both the recreational and residential use scenarios. The response action selected in this ROD is necessary to protect the public health or welfare or the environment from the actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances into the environment.

8.0 Remedial Action Objectives and ARARs

8.1 Remedial Action Objectives

Consistent with the NCP and USEPA's RI/FS guidance, remedial action objectives (RAOs) were developed in the RI/FS for the protection of human health and the environment. RAOs are site-specific goals developed to address potential risks to human health and the environment, and specify the acceptable concentration limits for the contaminants and media of concern. RAOs can be based on applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs), to-be-considered non-promulgated guidelines, and/or risk-based levels established for a site. Both the federal government and the State of Illinois have promulgated regulations related to the cleanup of thorium and uranium mill tailings. Although the regulations are not directly applicable to the Kress Creek Site, USEPA considers portions of the regulations to be relevant and appropriate for use at the site. As a result, the RAOs for the Kress Creek Site are:

- #1: Reduce risks to human health and the environment presented by sediments and floodplain soils containing elevated levels of total radium by reducing soil concentrations to levels that are consistent with the requirements outlined in 40 CFR Part 192 (the regulations implementing the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act [UMTRCA]) and Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations; and

- #2: Mitigate, to the extent practicable, potential adverse effects to the environment as a result of implementation of remedial activities at the site.

The remedial action objectives are based on current and reasonably anticipated future land use at the site, which is a mixture of residential and recreational use. The criterion derived from 40 CFR 192 and the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations is a health-based standard that is protective of human health and the environment. The standard is 5 pCi/g above background for combined radium (Ra-228 plus Ra-226). Background levels at the site are 2.2 pCi/g, resulting in a criterion of 7.2 pCi/g. As defined earlier in this ROD, targeted materials are those materials at the site within pre-defined excavation envelopes developed by delineation drilling in areas where radiological surface scans indicated the presence of materials exceeding the 7.2 pCi/g criterion. The risks identified in the human health risk assessment that are driving the need for cleanup at the site (as well as the potential risks to the environment identified in the ecological risk assessment) will be addressed by removing the targeted materials from the site.

The objective of RAO #2 is to mitigate impacts the implementation of the various remedial alternatives could have on the environment. These potential impacts may be minimized through the use of appropriate engineering controls. Potential impacts associated with remedial activities should be mitigated to maintain wetlands and forest preserve areas, and impacts that cannot be avoided could be addressed through restoration activities.

8.2 Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)

Section 121(d) of CERCLA requires that Superfund remedial actions at least attain legally applicable or relevant and appropriate Federal and State requirements, standards, criteria, and limitations which are collectively referred to as ARARs, unless such ARARs are waived under CERCLA Section 121(d)(4). Applicable requirements are those cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under Federal environmental or State environmental or facility siting laws that specifically address a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstance found at a Superfund site. Relevant and appropriate requirements are those cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under Federal environmental or State environmental or facility siting laws that, while not applicable, address problems or situations sufficiently similar to those encountered at the Superfund site that their use is well-suited to the particular site.

In addition to ARARs, guidance materials that have not been promulgated or regulatory standards that are not applicable or relevant and appropriate may be considered (including local/county requirements); these are referred to as items "to be considered" (TBC). While TBCs may be considered along with ARARs, they do not have the status of ARARs.

The ARARs and TBCs identified for the site are categorized into three types: chemical-specific, action-specific and location-specific. Chemical-specific ARARs establish the acceptable amounts or concentrations of a chemical that may be found in, or discharged to, the ambient environment. Action-specific ARARs are technology- or activity-based performance or design requirements associated with the potential remedial activities being considered. Location-specific ARARs establish requirements that protect environmentally-sensitive areas and other areas of special interest.

A list of the potential ARARs and TBCs identified for the Kress Creek Site are presented in Tables 13 through 15. In addition to Federal and State ARARs and TBCs, these tables also contain TBCs specific to DuPage County, Illinois.

The primary chemical-specific ARARs at the site are the cleanup standards found in 40 CFR 192 and similar regulations in the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations at 32 IAC 332. The regulations in 40 CFR 192 contain USEPA's standards for cleanup of lands contaminated by uranium and thorium mill wastes. The standards apply only to the sites specifically designated under the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 but often have been used as criteria at uranium, thorium and radium sites because of the similarity of the problems. The regulations are not applicable to the Kress Creek Site but USEPA considers portions to be relevant and appropriate. Subpart B of 40 CFR 192 contains two different soil standards. One is for surface soil (5 pCi/g above background) and the other for subsurface soil (15 pCi/g above background). The surface soil standard was developed as a health-based standard and USEPA determined it to be relevant and appropriate for the Kress Creek Site. The 5 pCi/g-above-background surface soil standard is considered protective of human health and the environment. In contrast, the subsurface standard was not a health-based standard but was developed as a practical measurement tool for use in locating subsurface deposits of high-activity tailings. The subsurface standard was not developed for situations where significant quantities of moderate or low activity tailings are involved (such as at the Kress Creek Site), and USEPA determined that it is not relevant and appropriate for the site.

Using the 5 pCi/g-above-background surface soil standard discussed above, and with background at the site being 2.2 pCi/g, Kerr-McGee's characterization activities at the site (described in Section 5.3 of this ROD) were designed to identify materials that exceeded the 7.2 pCi/g criterion. The materials that were so identified through that characterization process are the targeted materials discussed in the following sections. (See also the definition of targeted materials on page vi of this ROD.)

9.0 Description of Alternatives

Following development of the RAOs, a screening and evaluation of potential remedial alternatives was conducted in accordance with CERCLA and the NCP. First, a number of technology types and process options[7] for addressing the sediments and floodplain soils at the site were identified and screened (evaluated) based on technical implementability. Those retained after the first screening were then evaluated based on the expanded criteria of effectiveness, implementability and relative cost. The technology types and representative process options[8] retained following the two-step screening process then were combined to develop potential remedial alternatives for the site. The four remedial alternatives were:

Alternative 1: No Action
Alternative 2: Monitored Natural Recovery
Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site
Alternative 4: Capping of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site

9.1 Description of Remedy Components

Each of the four alternatives is briefly described below. More detailed information about each of the alternatives can be found in the May 2004 *Feasibility Study Report* which is included in the Administrative Record for the site.

Alternative 1: No Action

(1) *Description of Alternative*: Under this alternative, no active remediation would occur at the site and no monitoring would be conducted to assess the overall condition of the site over time. Naturally-occurring processes (e.g., half-life decay, erosion, sedimentation) would occur on their own over time. No institutional controls would be put in place and no operation and maintenance activities would be conducted. Evaluation of the No Action alternative is required by the NCP and provides a baseline against which the other potential remedial alternatives are evaluated.

(2) *Treatment Technologies and Materials they will Address*: There is no treatment associated with this alternative.

(3) *Containment Component*: There is no containment component associated with this remedy.

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[7] An example of a technology type is "sediment removal" and an example process option within that technology type is "dredging."

[8] Selection of a particular process option as representative was done to streamline the development of potential remedial alternatives. A process option not selected as representative still could be considered during remedial design if its technology type is part of the selected remedial alternative.

(4) *Costs*: Zero

Alternative 2: Monitored Natural Recovery

(1) *Description of Alternative*: Under this alternative, no active remediation would occur at the site. This alternative includes recovery of the site through naturally-occurring chemical and physical processes as a means of reducing risk at the site. Given the time frame associated with the radioactive decay of the contaminants at the site (with thorium and uranium having half-lives of billions of years) and the length of time expected for contaminated floodplain soils to be slowly covered by clean overburden materials deposited through overbank flooding, it is expected that natural recovery through physical processes (i.e., erosion/redeposition and sedimentation/ deposition) would be most effective for the sediment areas. However, in this alternative, the progress of natural recovery processes throughout both floodplain and sediment areas would be tracked through monitoring. Since contaminated materials would remain in place, institutional controls (such as land use restrictions) to manage and/or control exposures during the recovery period may be necessary. No operation and maintenance activities would be conducted.

(2) *Treatment Technologies and Materials they will Address*: There is no treatment associated with this alternative.

(3) *Containment Component*: There is no containment component associated with this remedy other than that occurring through natural processes over time as clean sediments are deposited on top of contaminated sediments.

(4) *Costs*: The estimated present worth of this alternative is $350,000. This estimate is based on a 30-year monitoring program to assess overall conditions via site-wide surface scanning every 5 years, using a discount rate of 7% for all present worth calculations. The total estimated cost is provided in 2004 dollars.

Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site

(1) *Description of Alternative*: Under this alternative, targeted materials would be removed in-the-dry via mechanical excavation and transported off-site to a licensed disposal facility. Prior to excavation, targeted areas of the site would be isolated and dewatered to allow excavation in-the-dry. Targeted materials then would be excavated to predetermined cut depths based on the extensive characterization data available. Because targeted materials are buried under clean overburden materials in areas of the site, excavation and management of the overburden materials is a necessary component of this alternative so that the targeted materials can be addressed. No radiological verification would be conducted in the excavations, but excavation depths/locations would be verified to ensure that specified excavation cut depths had been achieved. Excavated overburden materials would be radiologically verified to ensure they were indeed "clean." Excavated targeted materials would be allowed to further dewater in a nearby

staging area and then would be shipped off-site for disposal. An estimated 122,000 cubic yards of material at the Kress Creek Site would be addressed under this alternative, including approximately 75,000 cubic yards of targeted materials and 47,000 cubic yards of clean overburden materials. Aquatic and terrestrial areas impacted by construction would be restored and improved (to the extent possible) after excavation activities are complete and stabilized and revegetated as necessary. Periodic monitoring and necessary maintenance would be conducted to assess the effectiveness of stabilization measures and progress toward restoration goals. No institutional controls would be needed.

(2) *Treatment Technologies and Materials they will Address*: This alternative does not include a treatment component. However, removal of approximately 75,000 cubic yards of targeted materials via excavation would permanently reduce the volume and mobility of contaminated materials at the site.

(3) *Containment Component*: There is no containment component associated with this remedy.

(4) *Costs*: The estimated present worth of this alternative is $71.9 million. This estimate is based on a 32-month construction period followed by a 3-year monitoring program, using a discount rate of 7% for all present worth calculations. The total estimated cost is provided in 2004 dollars.

Alternative 4: Capping of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site

(1) *Description of Alternative*: Under this alternative, certain creek/river targeted materials would be isolated under an engineered cap. So as not to reduce flood conveyance, overburden or targeted material would be removed (by the same methods used in Alternative 3) to a depth equal to the thickness of the cap prior to cap placement. The engineered cap would be designed according to USEPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers guidance. For purposes of the FS, the cap thickness was assumed to be 2 feet (with an additional armor layer thickness of 6 inches in sediment areas). (This concept is explained further in footnote[9].) An estimated 82,000 cubic

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[9] For floodplain areas, the cap thickness is assumed to be 2 feet. If greater than 2 feet of overburden are present over targeted floodplain soils, no excavation or capping would occur, as the existing overburden layer provides an appropriate degree of protection from contact or proximity risk. If the combined depth of the overburden and targeted material is less than 2 feet, mechanical excavation to the bottom of the targeted material would occur and the excavation backfilled to grade. If the combined depth of the overburden and targeted material is greater than 2 feet, mechanical excavation to a depth of 2 feet would be followed by placement of the engineered cap and the original grade restored.

For sediment areas, a 6-inch armor layer would be placed atop the 2-foot cap to protect against the erosive forces of running water. If greater than 2.5 feet of overburden are present over targeted sediments, approximately 6 inches of overburden would be removed via mechanical excavation and replaced with a layer of armor stone to provide enhanced erosion resistance. If the combined depth of overburden and targeted sediments is less than 2.5 feet, mechanical excavation to the bottom of the targeted material would occur with no backfill; no cap or armor layer would be placed because all contaminated materials would be removed. If the combined depth of the overburden and targeted sediments is greater than 2.5 feet, mechanical excavation to a depth of 2.5 feet would be followed by placement of 2 feet of cap material and 6 inches of armor stone.

yards of material at the Kress Creek Site would need to be removed to facilitate capping (so as not to reduce flood conveyance), including approximately 49,000 cubic yards of targeted materials (which would be disposed at an off-site facility) and 33,000 cubic yards of clean overburden materials. Targeted materials remaining at the site would then be capped. The areal extent of capping is estimated to be approximately 21 acres, including 9 acres of sediments and 12 acres in the floodplain. Restoration activities would be essentially the same as Alternative 3. After completion of construction and restoration activities, a long-term monitoring/operation and maintenance program would be conducted, including periodic monitoring to assess the effectiveness of stabilization measures and progress toward restoration goals, and surface gamma surveys of the site (focusing on targeted areas), bathymetry, and cap maintenance once every 5 years.

(2) *Treatment Technologies and Materials they will Address*: This alternative does not include a treatment component. However, removal of approximately 49,000 cubic yards of targeted materials via excavation would significantly reduce the volume and mobility of contaminated materials at the site.

(3) *Containment Component*: This alternative includes capping of certain targeted sediment/soil materials as described above. Institutional controls would be implemented (including placing restrictions on marine construction, dredging and near shore excavation throughout the site, and implementing deed/access restrictions for capped areas of the floodplain) to maintain cap integrity and ensure it functions as intended.

(4) *Costs*: The estimated present worth of this alternative is $65.4 million. This estimate is based on a 32-month construction period followed by a 30-year monitoring program, using a discount rate of 7% for all present worth calculations. The total estimated cost is provided in 2004 dollars.

9.2 Common Elements and Distinguishing Features of Each Alternative

No active remediation would be conducted under Alternatives 1 and 2, while Alternatives 3 and 4 both actively remediate the site. Alternative 3 would remove all of the targeted materials from the site, while Alternative 4 would remove approximately 65% of the targeted materials and would cap the rest in place.

Alternatives 1 and 2 both would leave all targeted materials in place and would rely on natural chemical and physical processes to reduce risks at the site over time. Given the extremely long-lived nature of the thorium materials, the natural process of radioactive decay would not effectively reduce risks at the site for billions of years. As a result, risk reduction would have to be achieved over time through the natural physical processes such as erosion and sedimentation/deposition, which would slowly cover areas of targeted materials with clean materials deposited on top. In contrast, Alternatives 3 and 4 would achieve risk reduction by the end of the construction period for the remedial action (approximately 32 months).

The key ARARs associated with Alternative 3 (and Alternative 4 to a lesser extent) are the chemical-specific standards derived from 40 CFR 192 and Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations. Alternative 3 would meet the chemical-specific standard at the end of the remedial action, as all targeted materials (see definition on page vi) would be removed from the site. Alternative 4 would leave some targeted materials at the site but they would be controlled under an engineered cap. However, as will be discussed further in Section 10 of this ROD, due to the long-lived nature of the thorium materials, the cap would have to be maintained for an unrealistic period of time to maintain its effectiveness.

9.3 Expected Outcomes of Each Alternative

Alternatives 1 and 2, which include no active remediation measures, would not achieve protectiveness in the foreseeable future. Alternatives 2 and 4, which leave all or some of the targeted materials in place at the site, would require long-term land-use restrictions because the targeted materials would remain in place for billions of years. Alternative 3, which removes all targeted materials from the site, would achieve the RAOs for the site and would leave the site available for unrestricted use and unlimited exposure at the completion of the remedial action (expected to last approximately 32 months).

9.4 Preferred Alternative

The preferred alternative described in the Proposed Plan for the site was Alternative 3. The estimated cost of the preferred alternative is $71.9 million.

10.0 Summary of Comparative Analysis of Alternatives

When selecting a remedy for a site, USEPA considers the factors set forth in Section 121 of CERCLA by conducting a detailed analysis of the remedial alternatives in accordance with the NCP, USEPA's *Guidance for Conducting Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies Under CERCLA* (OSWER Directive 9355.3-01) and USEPA's *A Guide to Preparing Superfund Proposed Plans, Records of Decision, and Other Remedy Selection Decision Documents* (OSWER 9200.1-23.P). The detailed analysis consists of an assessment of the individual alternatives against each of the nine evaluation criteria (two threshold, five primary balancing, and two modifying criteria) and a comparative analysis focusing upon the relative performance of each alternative against those criteria. The nine evaluation criteria are described below.

Threshold Criteria

1. **Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment** addresses whether a remedy provides adequate protection of human health and the environment and describes how risks posed by the site are eliminated, reduced or controlled through treatment, engineering, or institutional controls. The selected remedy must meet this criterion.

2. **Compliance with Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)** addresses whether a remedy will meet the applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements. The selected remedy must meet this criterion or a waiver of the ARAR must be obtained.

Primary Balancing Criteria

3. **Long-Term Effectiveness and Permanence** refers to expected residual risk and the ability of a remedy to maintain reliable protection of human health and the environment over time, once cleanup levels have been met.

4. **Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume Through Treatment** addresses the statutory preference for selecting remedial actions that employ treatment technologies that permanently and significantly reduce toxicity, mobility or volume of the hazardous substances as their principal element. This preference is satisfied when treatment is used to reduce the principal threats at the site through destruction of toxic contaminants, reduction of the total mass of toxic contaminants, irreversible reduction in contaminant mobility, or reduction of total volume of contaminated media.

5. **Short-Term Effectiveness** addresses the period of time needed to implement the remedy and any adverse impacts that may be posed to workers, the community and the environment during construction of the remedy until cleanup levels are achieved. This criterion also considers the effectiveness of mitigative measures and time until protection is achieved through attainment of the RAOs.

6. **Implementability** addresses the technical and administrative feasibility of a remedy from design through construction, including the availability of services and materials needed to implement a particular option and coordination with other governmental entities.

7. **Cost** includes estimated capital costs, annual operation and maintenance costs (assuming a 30-year time period), and net present value of capital and operation and maintenance costs, including long-term monitoring.

Modifying Criteria

8. **State Agency Acceptance** considers whether the State support agency concurs with the selected remedy for the site.

9. **Community Acceptance** addresses the public's general response to the remedial alternatives and the preferred alternative presented in the Proposed Plan. The ROD includes a responsiveness summary that summarizes the public comments and USEPA's response to those comments. The responsiveness summary is included as Appendix A.

The full text of the detailed analysis of the four remedial alternatives against the nine evaluation criteria (including both the individual analysis and the comparative analysis) is contained in the May 2004 *Feasibility Study Report* which is included in the Administrative Record for the site. This section of the ROD summarizes the highlights of the comparative analysis.

10.1 Overall Protection of Human Health and the Environment

Alternatives 3 and 4 include measures to actively address the areas of targeted sediments, banks and floodplain soils at the site. Alternative 3 affords the highest degree of overall protection of human health and the environment since its implementation would result in the excavation and off-site disposal of the largest amount of targeted materials. Alternative 4 could provide an acceptable level of overall protection through removal of some of the targeted materials, containment of the remaining materials under an engineered cap, and institutional controls to maintain cap integrity.

Neither Alternative 1 nor Alternative 2 include active remediation measures. Alternative 2 would eventually reduce risks at the site through naturally-occurring processes, and the site would be monitored to track progress toward achieving protectiveness; however, risks to human health and the environment would continue until such time as the naturally-occurring processes reduced risks at the site. Alternative 1 may eventually reduce risks at the site through naturally-occurring processes, but no monitoring would be conducted to verify that protectiveness had been achieved.

10.2 Compliance with ARARs

Alternative 3 is based upon and would achieve the chemical-specific ARARs found in 40 CFR 192 and the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations. Alternative 4 would not achieve the quantitative levels prescribed in those ARARs; however, the federal regulations (40 CFR 192) provide for the use of "supplemental standards" that may be appropriate under this alternative, and Alternative 4 could meet those supplemental standards. Both Alternatives 3 and 4 could meet the action-specific and location-specific ARARs for the site.

Alternative 2 would eventually achieve the chemical-specific ARARs through the naturally-occurring processes previously described, and the site would be monitored to assess the overall condition of the site over time and to track progress toward achieving ARARs. Action-specific ARARs (associated with monitoring activities) would be met. No location-specific ARARs would apply.

Since no active remedial measures or monitoring activities would take place under Alternative 1, no action-specific or location-specific ARARs apply. The chemical-specific ARARs may eventually be achieved through the naturally-occurring processes previously described, but no

monitoring would be conducted to assess the overall condition of the site over time or to verify that ARARs had been achieved.

10.3 Long-Term Effectiveness and Permanence

Alternative 3 provides the highest degree of long-term effectiveness and permanence, as targeted sediments, banks and floodplain soils would be removed from the site and disposed in a licensed off-site disposal facility. By removing the targeted materials from the site and meeting the chemical-specific ARARs, the residual risks at the site would be protective of human health and the environment for the long-term and the site would be available for unrestricted use and unlimited exposure.

Alternative 4 could perform well, since approximately 65% of the targeted materials would be removed and disposed off-site and the remaining materials would be isolated from exposure under an engineered cap. Potential risks over the long-term would still exist, however, due to the possibility for changing land use or catastrophic events (i.e., severe floods, ice scour, dam failure/removal). Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the capped areas would be necessary, along with institutional controls and appropriate maintenance of the Warrenville and McDowell Dams by their owners. Given the extremely long-lived nature of the radionuclides at the site, however, the monitoring, maintenance and institutional control measures would have to be in place for an unrealistically long period of time. As a result, the long-term effectiveness and permanence of Alternative 4 is questionable.

Alternatives 1 and 2 leave all contaminated materials in place at the site with no active remedial measures. Both of these alternatives may eventually achieve protectiveness through naturally-occurring processes. While half-life decay, erosion/redeposition, and sedimentation/deposition may eventually provide adequate protection, an unacceptably long period of time would be required until that protection would be achieved. Contaminants would remain on the surface (of both floodplain and streambed areas) for a very long time and would have the potential to migrate due to variability in stream flow, erosion and flooding. Given the extremely long-lived nature of the radionuclides at the site, any administrative controls used under Alternative 2 would have to be in place for an unrealistically long period of time. When compared to the level of protection, effectiveness and permanence provided by Alternative 3 (and to a somewhat lesser extent by Alternative 4), Alternatives 1 and 2 do not result in the same level of effectiveness or permanence.

10.4 Reduction of Toxicity, Mobility, or Volume Through Treatment

None of the four alternatives include any active treatment of contaminated materials; therefore, there would be no reduction in toxicity, mobility, or volume through treatment. All of the alternatives do, however, result in varying degrees of reductions to mobility and/or volume.

Alternative 3 would provide the greatest volume and mobility reductions at the site since all targeted soils and sediments would be removed from the site and disposed in an off-site facility. Alternative 4 would provide some volume and mobility reductions as approximately 65% of the targeted soils and sediments would be removed and the remainder would be isolated under an engineered cap. However, the future mobility of materials accumulated behind existing dams during a catastrophic event (e.g., dam failure) would be a concern.

Under Alternatives 1 and 2, the mobility of targeted materials would be reduced somewhat over time as they continue to be isolated under a layer of overburden as a result of sedimentation and deposition. Additionally, the volume and toxicity of the contaminants would be reduced through half-life decay, although at an extremely slow rate.

10.5 Short-Term Effectiveness

There would be short-term impacts associated with both Alternatives 3 and 4, and the remedial activities would take place throughout the site for the duration of implementation, estimated to be approximately 32 months. Both alternatives would cause disruption along the creek/river and in the floodplain; impact the water column; alter/destroy the benthic habitat, some wetlands and forest preserve areas; disrupt boating and other recreation activities on the creek/river; and lead to increased truck traffic. Monitoring of surface water and ambient air would take place under both alternatives, with results used to identify, evaluate and address measurable effects of construction. Since excavation and capping activities are to take place in-the-dry, individual reaches could flood during construction of either alternative due to water flow restrictions necessary to implement the alternative.

Implementation of appropriate health and safety practices should protect both remediation workers and the community from unacceptable exposure to radioactivity during construction. While the duration of the short-term impacts would be approximately 32 months, completion of Alternatives 3 or 4 should result in immediate achievement of RAO #1 (risk reduction). Regarding RAO #2 (mitigating adverse effects to the environment from implementation of remedial activities), the length of time it would take for the benthic community to recover from the effects of either of these alternatives is unknown. The recovery time for in-stream areas would depend on the resulting substrate and stream morphology. The recovery of forested areas (affected by the construction of haul roads, for instance) could take decades. However, both alternatives include improvements (to the extent possible) to aquatic and terrestrial areas during restoration, replacing undesirable or invasive, non-native species with native species.

There would be no short-term impacts associated with implementation of Alternatives 1 or 2 since they do not include any active remedial measures.

10.6 Implementability

All four alternatives are technically implementable, and the necessary personnel, equipment, services and materials are readily available for all alternatives.

Alternative 3 is the best option from an administrative implementability standpoint, since all necessary approvals and permits could be secured, requirements met and access to private property obtained.

Since significant quantities of contaminated sediments and floodplain soils would remain in place under the Alternatives 2 and 4, extensive deed and access restrictions would likely be necessary, for an unrealistically long period of time, to control future land use. In addition, proper maintenance of the Warrenville and McDowell Dams by their owners, again for an unrealistically long period of time, would be critical to avoid major hydraulic impacts on the remaining materials or the engineered caps. Long-term monitoring would be necessary for Alternative 4 since the engineered caps would have to be monitored and maintained.

10.7 Cost

Cost includes estimated capital costs and annual operation and maintenance costs (assuming a 30-year time period). Present worth cost represents the total cost of an alternative over time in terms of today's dollar value. In accordance with USEPA guidance, cost estimates are expected to be accurate within a range of +50 to -30 percent.

Detailed cost estimates for each of the four alternatives are presented in the May 2004 *Feasibility Study Report*. The estimated present worth costs to implement the four potential remedial alternatives are as follows:

Alternative 1: $0
Alternative 2: $350,000
Alternative 3: $71.9 million
Alternative 4: $65.4 million

Of the two active remedial options, Alternative 3 would remove all of the targeted materials from the site at only a ten percent increase in cost compared to Alternative 4, which would remove approximately 65% of the targeted materials from the site. Alternative 3 also would eliminate the difficult-to-quantify, long-term social and practical "costs" associated with ensuring the very long-term integrity of containment associated with Alternative 4.

10.8 State Agency Acceptance

The State of Illinois has concurred with the remedy selected in this ROD, and the State's concurrence letter is included in the Administrative Record for the site. The state agencies

(including both the Illinois EPA and the IEMA/DNS) have been involved with the site throughout the RI/FS process, have reviewed documents and provided comments to USEPA, and provided support at the public meeting for the proposed plan. Additionally, IEMA/DNS provided a letter during the National Remedy Review Board process supporting the selection of Alternative 3 for the Kress Creek Site.

10.9 Community Acceptance

During the public comment period, the community expressed its support for Alternative 3. The community does not consider Alternatives 1, 2 or 4 to be adequately protective because the radioactive contamination would remain at the site for an extremely long period of time.

In addition to the public comments received during the public comment period, Kerr-McGee and four of the local community governmental entities (City of West Chicago, City of Warrenville, DuPage County and DuPage County Forest Preserve District) provided letters during the National Remedy Review Board process supporting the selection of Alternative 3 for the Kress Creek Site.

11.0 Principal Threat Wastes

The principal threats to human health and the environment are the radioactive thorium and uranium decay chain materials in sediment and soil. Although the NCP establishes the expectation that USEPA will use treatment to address the principal threats posed by a site whenever practicable, there are no viable treatment alternatives for the radioactive materials at this site. Alternative 3 addresses the principal threats by removing the targeted materials from the site and sending them off-site to a permanent, licensed disposal facility.

12.0 Selected Remedy

12.1 Identification of the Selected Remedy and Summary of the Rationale for its Selection

Based on the analysis of the nine criteria conducted in the May 2004 *Feasibility Study Report* and summarized in Section 10 of this ROD, the selected remedy for the site is Alternative 3, Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site. This alternative represents the best balance of overall protectiveness, compliance with ARARs, long-term effectiveness and permanence, costs, and other criteria, including State and community acceptance.

12.2 Description of the Selected Remedy

Section 9 of this ROD presented a brief description of Alternative 3 (and the other alternatives). A more detailed description and discussion of the selected remedy is provided here. Specific

details regarding how the remedy will be implemented will be determined during the remedial design phase.

Under the selected remedy, targeted materials at the site (including creek and river sediments, banks and floodplain soils) will be removed in-the-dry via mechanical excavation and disposed at an off-site facility. It is estimated that a total of approximately 122,000 cubic yards of materials will be addressed, including approximately 75,000 cubic yards of targeted material and 47,000 cubic yards of overburden material. Because targeted materials are buried under overburden materials in areas of the site, excavation and management of the overburden materials is a necessary component of this alternative. Of the 75,000 cubic yards of targeted material, approximately 43,000 cubic yards are sediments and approximately 32,000 cubic yards are banks and/or floodplain soils. A summary of the estimated volumes to be addressed as part of the remedy, broken down by geographic location, is presented in Table 16. (Note that Table 16 includes volumes associated with the river portion of the Sewage Treatment Plant Site, as both the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites were addressed in the same RI and FS reports. The geographic location called "West Branch DuPage River: STP to Confluence" is part of the Sewage Treatment Plant Site which was addressed in a separate ROD signed by USEPA on September 30, 2004.) The volume estimates will be refined during the remedial design phase (prior to implementation of the selected remedy) and will include any additional areas of targeted materials identified in the two-mile stretch of river recently tested (as discussed in Section 5.6 of this ROD).

As noted above, prior to the implementation of the selected remedy, all of the details regarding how the remedy will be implemented must be worked out during what is known as the remedial design phase. During the design phase, the owners of affected properties will be involved in detailed discussions regarding the work to be conducted on their property, and their concerns will be addressed in the final design to the extent practicable. Access agreements from property owners and any necessary approvals from regulatory agencies also will be secured, and the final design documents must be approved by USEPA.

In order to facilitate efficient implementation of the selected remedy, access roads, haul roads and staging areas will be developed as appropriate. Such roads and staging areas will be sited to avoid wetlands, desirable tree species and floodway limits to the extent practicable. Grubbing and clearing of vegetation and possible relocation of utilities may be necessary to adequately locate and develop such areas. Additionally, appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls will be put in place around staging areas as necessary. Access to the active work areas of the site will be appropriately restricted by installing fencing or other perimeter barriers.

In general, targeted areas will be dewatered prior to excavation. The site will likely be segmented into discrete, manageable reaches so that dewatering and excavation can occur in a stepwise manner from upstream to downstream. In this way, only one segment of the site will be disrupted at a time. Segments will be determined based on excavation rates and the presence of logical break points in the creek or river (based on access, morphology, or other factors).

In preparation for dewatering, and depending on the location, the targeted areas to be excavated will be isolated or contained by using barriers such as silt curtains, sand bags, earthen berms, and/or sheetpiling, as appropriate. The actual diversion or containment method for each segment of the site will be determined during the detailed design phase. In some cases, entire segments of the creek or river may be isolated and the water diverted using a series of bypass pumps. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation control measures also will be employed, as determined during the detailed design, to mitigate the migration of soils or suspended solids during implementation of the remedy.

Following dewatering of a segmented area, excavation of the targeted materials will proceed from upstream to downstream using mechanical excavation methods. At each location, overburden materials (if any) will be removed first, followed by targeted materials. Excavation will proceed to predetermined cut depths based on the extensive site characterization data available, and final excavation depths will be verified using Global Positioning System (GPS) survey techniques.

After excavation, excavated materials will be hauled to a staging area. Overburden materials and targeted materials will be hauled and stockpiled separately to prevent mixing. Depending on the characteristics of the excavated materials, the materials likely will need to be further dewatered (and may need to be stabilized) before they can be transported off-site for disposal. The dewatering method and stabilizing agent (if any) to be used will be determined during the detailed design phase.

Excavated overburden materials will be radiologically verified to ensure they do not exceed the 7.2 pCi/g criterion; any overburden materials found to exceed the 7.2 pCi/g criterion will be treated as targeted materials. Excavated targeted materials will be shipped off-site for disposal.

Following completion of excavation activities, both the aquatic and terrestrial areas impacted by construction will be mitigated and restored and, to the extent practicable, improved. Disturbed areas will be restored to appropriate, stable conditions, including revegetation of appropriate areas and stabilization of streambanks. The restoration approach will vary from location to location throughout the site based on location characteristics (e.g., high or low energy aquatic environment, floodplain, residential property, forest preserve property, etc.) in accordance with a restoration plan to be developed for the site. The specific restoration approach for each area of the site will be determined during the detailed design phase. Periodic monitoring and necessary maintenance of the restored areas also will be conducted to assess the effectiveness of the stabilization and revegetation measures.

During implementation of the remedy, appropriate engineering controls (such as dust control techniques) will be conducted, as determined during the detailed design phase, to mitigate short-term effects during the cleanup. Environmental monitoring (such as air monitoring and water column monitoring) also will be conducted, as determined during the detailed design phase, to evaluate short-term impacts from the construction activities and respond to them as needed.

12.3 Summary of the Estimated Remedy Costs and Time Required for Implementation

The estimated cost of the selected remedy is $71.9 million. The construction of the remedy is estimated to take approximately 32 months to complete. A detailed estimate of the costs is provided in Table 17. (Note that Table 17 includes costs associated with the river portion of the Sewage Treatment Plant Site, as both the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites were addressed in the same RI and FS reports. The cost for the Kress Creek Site is $71.9 million of the $73.7 million shown in the table.)

12.4 Expected Outcomes of the Selected Remedy

The selected remedy will achieve the RAOs for the site and will leave the site available for unrestricted use and unlimited exposure at the completion of the remedial action (expected to last approximately 32 months). As specified in RAO #1, the site would meet the 7.2 pCi/g criterion for combined radium derived from 40 CFR 192 and the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations. This criterion is considered protective of human health and the environment (see Section 8.2 of this ROD) and no institutional controls will be needed at the site at the completion of the remedial action.

13.0 Statutory Determinations

Under CERCLA Section 121 and the NCP, remedies selected for Superfund sites are required to be protective of human health and the environment, comply with applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (unless a waiver is justified), be cost effective, and utilize permanent solutions and alternative treatment technologies or resource recovery technologies to the maximum extent practicable. In addition, CERCLA includes a preference for remedies that employ treatment that permanently and significantly reduces the toxicity, mobility or volume of hazardous wastes as a principal element and a bias against off-site disposal of untreated wastes. The following sections discuss how the selected remedy meets these statutory requirements.

13.1 Protection of Human Health and the Environment

The current risks at the site are due to the presence of radioactively-contaminated sediments and soils at the site. Implementation of the selected remedy will be protective of human health and the environment through the removal and off-site disposal of radioactively-contaminated sediments, banks and floodplain soils from the site. The selected remedy will use the health-based criterion of 7.2 pCi/g combined radium derived from 40 CFR 192 and the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations, and this criterion is considered protective of human health and the environment. At the completion of the remedial action the site will be available for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure.

13.2 Compliance with ARARs

Section 121(d) of CERCLA requires that Superfund remedial actions meet ARARs. A brief discussion of the primary ARARs is provided below. In addition to ARARs, non-enforceable guidelines, criteria, and standards may be useful in evaluating remedial alternatives. As described previously in Section 8.2 of this ROD, these guidelines, criteria and standards are known as TBCs. The selected remedy will comply with the ARARs listed in Tables 13 through 15.

13.2.1 Chemical-Specific ARARs

Chemical-specific ARARs are usually health-based or risk-based numerical values or methods that establish acceptable amounts or concentrations of a chemical in the environment. The primary chemical-specific ARARs for the Kress Creek Site are:

- 40 CFR 192, Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings. 40 CFR 192 contains USEPA's standards for cleanup of lands contaminated by uranium and thorium mill wastes. These federal regulations apply only to the sites specifically named in the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978. Consequently, the regulations are not legally applicable to the Kress Creek Site but portions are relevant and appropriate. The criterion for soils and sediments at the site derived from these regulations is 7.2 pCi/g combined radium.

- 32 Ill. Admin. Code 332, Licensing Requirements for Source Material Milling Facilities. These state regulations contain the licensing requirements for source material milling facilities in Illinois and apply to the REF. The regulations are not legally applicable to the Kress Creek Site but portions are relevant and appropriate. The criterion for soils and sediments at the site derived from these regulations is 7.2 pCi/g combined radium.

- Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq*. The federal Clean Water Act establishes relevant and appropriate surface water quality standards to protect against adverse effects. Any water generated during excavation must meet Federal surface water quality standards before being discharged back to the creek or river. Related to these standards are the federal ambient water quality criteria. These criteria are non-enforceable guidelines that identify chemical levels for surface waters and generally may be related to a variety of assumptions such as use of a surface water body as a water supply. These criteria may be TBCs.

- State Surface Water Quality Standards and Effluent Standards. The State of Illinois is authorized to administer the federal Clean Water Act through its laws and regulations. 35 Ill. Admin. Code 302 and 304 establish relevant and appropriate surface water quality standards and effluent limits to restore, maintain, and enhance purity of water of the state. These requirements are applicable and water generated during excavation must meet State

surface water quality standards and/or effluent limits before being discharged back to the creek or river. Also, to the extent that remedial work is conducted in or near the creek and river, such work is to be conducted so as to prevent or minimize an exceedance of a water quality criterion.

13.2.2 Action- and Location-Specific ARARs

Action-specific requirements are usually technology- or activity-based requirements or limitations on cleanups. Location-specific requirements are restrictions solely because the cleanup takes place in special locations. The primary action- and location-specific ARARs for the Kress Creek Site are:

- Endangered Species Act, and Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act. Both federal and state laws have statutory provisions that are intended to protect threatened or endangered species. Under the federal act, federal agencies are required to verify that any action authorized, funded or carried out by them is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a critical habitat of such species. No endangered or threatened species have been found within or near the site to date.

- Preservation of Historical and Archaeological Data Act, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act. These ARARs establish requirements for the recovery and preservation of historical and archaeological data, and require measures to minimize harm to historic resources. Under the NHPA, response actions must take into account effects on properties on or eligible for inclusion on the National Registry of Historic Places. No such properties have been identified within or near the site to date.

- Transportation of Radioactive Materials. The applicable state regulations at 32 Ill. Admin. Code 341 establish requirements for packaging, preparation for shipment and transportation of radioactive material.

- U.S. DOT and Illinois DOT Transportation and Handling Regulations. The applicable federal regulations at 49 CFR 171 and the state regulations at Title 92, Chapter I, Subchapter C provide transportation and handling requirements for hazardous materials.

- Federal and State Floodplain and Wetland Regulations and Executive Orders. The applicable federal regulations and executive orders, and state regulations, govern construction and filling in floodplain and wetland areas. 40 CFR 6.302 sets forth USEPA policy and guidance for carrying out Executive Orders 11988 and 11990. Executive Order 11988 requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential effects of actions they may take in a floodplain and to avoid, to the extent possible, adverse effects associated with direct and indirect development of a floodplain. Executive Order 11990 requires federal

agencies conducting certain activities to avoid, to the extent possible, adverse impacts associated with the destruction or loss of wetlands, or to avoid or minimize adverse impacts if no practicable alternative exists.

17 Ill. Admin. Code 3708 also provides applicable rules governing construction and filling in the regulatory floodway of rivers, lakes and streams of DuPage County (and other specific counties). 92 Ill. Admin. Code 708 and 17 Ill. Admin. Code 3706 provide protection of public health, safety, and general welfare by restricting damageable floodplain improvements and uses which increase flood damage potential elsewhere. 20 ILCS 830 directs State agencies to preserve, enhance and create wetlands where possible and to avoid adverse impacts to wetlands in order to maintain the economic and social value of the State's remaining wetlands. Although local requirements cannot be ARARs, the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance (No. OSM-0001-89) is an important TBC that governs development (i.e., excavation or fill, alteration, change in land use, or activities affecting stormwater discharge) affecting floodplain/ riparian areas and wetlands.

- Pertinent portions of the federal Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*) and Clean Water Act Section 404, 40 CFR 230 and 33 CFR 320-330. These applicable regulations require federal agencies to take into consideration the effect that water-related remedial actions will have on fish and wildlife and to take action to prevent loss or damage to these resources.

13.3 Cost Effectiveness

USEPA has determined that the selected remedy is cost effective. A cost-effective remedy in the Superfund program is one whose costs are proportional to its overall effectiveness. USEPA evaluated the overall effectiveness of the potential remedial alternatives for the site in the May 2004 *Feasibility Study* by evaluating the following three criteria: long-term effectiveness and permanence, reduction in toxicity, mobility and volume through treatment, and short-term effectiveness. USEPA then compared the overall effectiveness to cost to determine whether an alternative is cost effective. Of the remedial alternatives evaluated for this site, Alternative 3 (the selected remedy) provides the highest degree of overall effectiveness and costs only ten percent more than Alternative 4, whose long-term effectiveness and permanence is questionable.

13.4 Utilization of Permanent Solutions and Alternative Treatment Technologies or Resource Recovery Technologies to the Maximum Extent Practicable

USEPA believes that the selected remedy represents the maximum extent to which permanent solutions and treatment technologies can be utilized in a cost-effective manner for the site, and represents the best balance of trade-offs among the alternatives with respect to the primary balancing criteria. Treatment technologies are not a component of the selected remedy because there are no viable treatment alternatives for the radioactively-contaminated soils and sediments

at the site. As discussed in Section 10 of this ROD, the selected remedy (Alternative 3) provides the highest degree of long-term protectiveness and represents a permanent solution for the site with no need for long-term maintenance or institutional controls. The short-term risks for the selected remedy are the same as those associated with the other active remediation alternative considered (Alternative 4), and while neither alternative reduces the toxicity, mobility or volume through treatment, the selected remedy removes a higher volume of contamination from the site. The selected remedy also is more easily implemented than Alternative 4. Lastly, both the State support agency and the community view the selected remedy as the only acceptable alternative. Overall, the selected remedy affords the best balance of tradeoffs when compared to the other alternatives.

13.5 Preference for Treatment as a Principal Element

USEPA believes that the selected remedy is protective of human health and the environment and utilizes permanent solutions to the maximum extent practicable. As discussed in Section 11 of this ROD, the principal threats to human health and the environment at the site are the radioactive thorium and uranium decay chain materials in sediments and soils. The selected remedy does not satisfy the statutory preference for treatment as a principal element because there are no viable treatment alternatives for the radioactive materials at the site.

13.6 Five-Year Review Requirements

The NCP requires that the remedial action be reviewed no less often than every five years if the remedial action results in hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure. Because the remedy selected in this ROD will not result in hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, five-year reviews at this site are not required. As described in Section 12.4 of this ROD, the remedy selected in this ROD will leave the site available for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure at the completion of the remedial action. The site will meet the criterion derived from 40 CFR 192 and the Illinois Source Material Milling Regulations, 7.2 pCi/g combined radium. This criterion is considered protective of human health and the environment (see Section 8.2 of this ROD) and no institutional controls will be needed at the site at the completion of the remedial action.

14.0 Documentation of Significant Changes

The Proposed Plan for the Kress Creek Site was released for public comment on May 24, 2004, and the public comment period ran from May 26 through June 25, 2004. The Proposed Plan identified Alternative 3, Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site, as the preferred alternative for the site. USEPA reviewed all written and verbal comments submitted during the public comment period and determined that no significant changes to the remedy, as originally identified in the Proposed Plan, were necessary or appropriate.

Although there were no significant changes to the remedy originally identified in the Proposed Plan, this ROD clarifies some language in the Proposed Plan. The May 24, 2004, Proposed Plan dealt not only with the Kress Creek Site but also the Kerr-McGee Sewage Treatment Plant Site. USEPA issued the ROD for the Sewage Treatment Plant Site on September 30, 2004. In October 2004, during negotiations related to that site, a question arose regarding the definition of "targeted materials." The Proposed Plan indicated that targeted materials meant any materials exceeding 7.2 pCi/g, but also stated that targeted materials would be excavated to pre-determined depths based on the extensive characterization data from the site. This ROD clarifies that targeted materials are those materials within pre-defined excavation envelopes developed by delineation drilling in areas where radiological surface scans indicated the presence of materials exceeding 7.2 pCi/g combined radium. The definition of targeted materials in this ROD clarifies USEPA's original intent and this clarification[10] is not a significant change.

[10] On March 7, 2005, USEPA issued a memorandum to the Sewage Treatment Plant site file clarifying this issue with respect to the Sewage Treatment Plant ROD. That clarifying memorandum is included in the Administrative Record for the Sewage Treatment Plant site.

TABLES

TABLE 1

Summary of Total Radium Radioactivity by Matrix and Reach

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Matrix	Reach	Count	Frequency of Detection	Minimum (pCi/g)	Maximum (pCi/g)	Average (pCi/g)
Sediment	Kress Creek	57	100	1.520	843.871	62.529
	Kress CreekBackground	3	100	0.467	4.336	2.873
	REF Storm Sewer	3	100	2.080	9.328	5.369
	West Branch DuPage River Background	8	100	0.068	3.754	2.117
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	20	100	0.709	7.066	3.092
Soil	Kress Creek	26	100	2.121	673.446	63.992
	Kress Creek Background	4	100	0.313	3.022	1.624
	West Branch DuPage River Background	5	100	2.063	4.619	3.491
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	13	100	0.413	64.890	8.139

Notes:

pCi/g - picoCuries per gram

1) USEPA data (as provided in CH2M HILL Database [Revised STP&KCKdata4 (03 May06).xls]) are included, and represent laboratory analytical data.

2) Non-detect values were assigned a value of zero prior to calculation.

3) Duplicate samples were not included in calculations because many of the parent samples could not be identified in the CH2M HILL Database.

TABLE 2

Summary of Total Thorium Radioactivity by Matrix and Reach

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Matrix	Reach	Count	Frequency of Detection	Minimum (pCi/g)	Maximum (pCi/g)	Average (pCi/g)
Sediment	Kress Creek	57	100	1.399	1077.310	95.103
	Kress CreekBackground	3	100	1.442	2.064	1.687
	REF Storm Sewer	3	100	2.932	7.235	4.373
	West Branch DuPage River Background	8	100	1.001	2.466	1.761
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	20	100	0.904	8.419	2.605
Soil	Kress Creek	26	100	2.100	1426.520	132.587
	Kress Creek Background	4	100	2.244	3.021	2.668
	West Branch DuPage River Background	5	100	2.212	3.329	2.756
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	13	100	2.187	142.420	16.132

Notes:

pCi/g - picoCuries per gram

1) USEPA data (as provided in CH2M HILL Database [Revised STP&KCKdata4 (03 May06).xls]) are included, and represent laboratory analytical data.

2) Non-detect values were assigned a value of zero prior to calculation.

3) Duplicate samples were not included in calculations because many of the parent samples could not be identified in the CH2M HILL Database.

TABLE 3

Summary of Total Uranium Radioactivity by Matrix and Reach

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Matrix	Reach	Count	Frequency of Detection	Minimum (pCi/g)	Maximum (pCi/g)	Average (pCi/g)
Sediment	Kress Creek	57	100	0.032	43.755	4.427
	Kress Creek Background	3	100	0.962	1.376	1.196
	REF Storm Sewer	3	100	1.928	2.872	2.422
	West Branch DuPage River Background	8	100	0.125	1.990	0.880
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	20	100	0.396	3.744	1.282
Soil	Kress Creek	26	100	1.409	78.845	10.083
	Kress Creek Background	4	100	1.163	1.758	1.562
	West Branch DuPage River Background	5	100	1.949	2.657	2.243
	West Branch DuPage River Downstream	13	100	1.308	5.300	2.059

Notes:

pCi/g - picoCuries per gram

1) USEPA data (as provided in CH2M HILL Database [Revised STP&KCKdata4 (03 May06).xls]) are included, and represent laboratory analytical data.

2) Non-detect values were assigned a value of zero prior to calculation.

3) Duplicate samples were not included in calculations because many of the parent samples could not be identified in the CH2M HILL Database.

TABLE 4

Summary of Contaminants of Concern and Medium-Specific Exposure Point Concentrations for Human Health Risk Assessment

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Scenario Timeframe: Current
Medium: Soil/Sediment
Exposure Medium: Soil/Sediment

Exposure Point	Constituent of Concern (COC)	Concentration Detected		Units	Frequency of Detection	Exposure Point Concentration (EPC)	Exposure Point Concentration Units	Statistical Measure
		MIN	MAX					
On-Site Sediment/ Floodplain Soil	Radium-226	0.3	53.6	pCi/g	116/153	5.3	pCi/g	95% UCL
	Radium-228	0.413	653	pCi/g	114/114	41	pCi/g	95% UCL
	Thorium-232	0.257	654	pCi/g	125/125	44	pCi/g	95% UCL
	Uranium-235	0.0043	4.38	pCi/g	115/115	0.42	pCi/g	95% UCL
	Uranium-238	0.2	42.6	pCi/g	125/125	4.1	pCi/g	95% UCL

KEY

pCi/g: picoCuries per gram
95% UCL: 95% Upper Confidence Limit on the arithmetic mean
MIN: Minimum Concentration
MAX: Maximum Concentration

DESCRIPTION

This table presents the constituents of concern (COC) and exposure point concentrations for each of the COCs detected in soil and sediment at the site. The exposure point concentration is the concentration used to estimate the exposure and risk from each COC in the soil/sediment. The table includes the range of concentrations detected for each COC, as well as the frequency of detection (i.e., the number of times the constituent was detected in the samples collected at the site), the exposure point concentration (EPC) and how the EPC was derived. The table indicates that the listed radionuclides were detected in nearly every sample collected at the site and that the 95% Upper Confidence Limit on the arithmetic mean was used as the exposure point concentration.

TABLE 5
Selection of Exposure Pathways for Human Health Risk Assessment
Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Scenario Timeframe	Medium	Exposure Medium	Exposure Point	Receptor Population	Receptor Age	Exposure Route	Type of Analysis	Rationale for Selection or Exclusion of Exposure Pathway
Current/ Future	Sediment/ Floodplain Soil	Sediment/ Floodplain Soil	Kress Creek and/or West Branch DuPage River	Resident	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Residents living next to site may contact sediment/floodplain soil
						Dermal	Quantitative	
						Inhalation	Quantitative	
				Recreational Visitor	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Recreational visitor may contact sediment/floodplain soil
						Dermal	Quantitative	
						Inhalation	Quantitative	
	Surface Water	Surface Water	Kress Creek and/or West Branch DuPage River	Resident	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Residents living next to site may contact surface water
						Dermal	Quantitative	
				Recreational Visitor	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Recreational visitor may contact surface water
						Dermal	Quantitative	
	Surface Water/ Sediment	*Fish* Tissue	Kress Creek and/or West Branch DuPage River	Resident	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Residents living next to site may consume fish caught locally
				Recreational Visitor	Adult/ Child	Ingestion	Quantitative	Recreational visitor may consume fish caught locally

TABLE 6

Exposure Factors for Residential Exposure Scenario - Radionuclides

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Description	Exposure Factor	Units	Source
Area of Contaminated zone	1.00E+04	m^2	1, 2
Thickness of contaminated zone	2	m	1, 2
Time since placement of material	0	yr	1, 2
Cover depth	0	m	1, 2
Density of contaminated zone	1.5	g/cm^3	1, 2
Contaminated zone erosion rate	0.001	m/yr	1, 2
Precipitation	1	m/yr	1, 2
Irrigation	NA	m/yr	1, 2
Irrigation mode (over head)	NA		1, 2
Inhalation rate	8400	m^3/yr	1, 2
Mass loading for inhalation	1.00E-04	g/m^3	1, 2
Exposure duration	30	yr	1, 2
Shielding factor, inhalation	0.4	unitless	1, 2
Sheilding factor, external gamma	0.7	unitless	1, 2
Fraction of time spent indoors	0.5	unitless	1, 2
Fraction of time spent outdoors (on site)	0.25	unitless	1, 2
Shape factor flag, external gamma	1	unitless	1, 2
Fruits, vegetables and grain consumption	160	kg/yr	1, 2
Leafy vegetable consumption	14	kg/yr	1, 2
Fish consumption	not used	kg/yr	1, 2
Soil ingestion	36.5	g/yr	1,2
Mass loading for foliar deposition	1.00E-04	g/m^3	1, 2
Depth of soil mixing layer	1.50E-01	m	1, 2
Depth of roots	9.00E-01	m	1, 2
Wet weight crop yield for non-leafy	7.00E-01	kg/m^2	1, 2
Wet weight crop yield for leafy	1.50E+00	kg/m^2	1, 2
Growing season for non-leafy	1.70E-01	yr	1, 2
Growing season for leafy	2.50E-01	yr	1, 2
Translocation Factor for non-leafy	0.1	unitless	1, 2
Translocation Factor for leafy	1	unitless	1, 2
Dry foliar interception fraction for non-leafy	0.25	unitless	1, 2
Dry foliar interception fraction for leafy	0.25	unitless	1, 2
Wet foliar interception fraction for non-leafy	0.25	unitless	1, 2
Wet foliar interception fraction for leafy	0.25	unitless	1, 2

TABLE 6

Exposure Factors for Residential Exposure Scenario - Radionuclides

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Description	Exposure Factor	Units	Source
Weathering removal constant for vegetation	2	$year^{-1}$	1, 2
Storage times of contaminated foodstuffs - non-leafy	14	days	1, 2
Storage times of contaminated foodstuffs - leafy	1	day	1, 2
Thickness of building foundation	0.15	m	1, 2
Bulk density of building foundation	2.4	g/cm^3	1, 2
Total porosity of the building foundation	0.1	unitless	1, 2
Volumetric water content of the building material	0.03	unitless	1, 2
Diffusion coefficient for radon gas (foundation material)	3.00E-07	m/sec	1, 2
Diffusion coefficient fo radon gas (in contaminated zone soil)	2.00E-06	m/sec	1, 2
Radon vertical dimension of mixing	2	m	1, 2
Average building air exchange rate	0.5	l/hr	1, 2
Height of the building (room)	2.5	m	1, 2
Building interior area factor	0	unitless	1, 2
Building depth below ground surface	-1	m	1, 2
Emanating power of Rn-222 gas	0.25	unitless	1, 2
Emanating power of Rn-220 gas	0.15	unitless	1, 2
Average annual wind speed	2	m/sec	1, 2

Pathways evaluated:
External gamma
Inhalation (w/o radon)
Plant ingestion
Soil ingestion
Radon Inhalation

Note: Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

Sources:

1. U.S. DOE. Data Collection Handbook to Support Modeling the Impacts of Radioactive Material in Soil April 1993, ANL/EAIS-8
2. U.S. DOE. Manual for Implementing Residual Radioactive Material Guidelines Using Resrad, Version 6.0 August 2001, ANL/EAD-4

TABLE 7

Exposure Factors for Recreational Exposure Scenario - Radionuclides

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Description	Exposure Factor	Units	Source
Area of Contaminated zone	1.00E+04	m^2	1, 2
Thickness of contaminated zone	2	m	1, 2
Time since placement of material	0	yr	1, 2
Cover depth	0	m	1, 2
Density of contaminated zone	1.5	g/cm^3	1, 2
Contaminated zone erosion rate	0.001	m/yr	1, 2
Inhalation rate	1242	m^3/yr	Standard reference inhalation rate (23 m3/day) over 54 days/year
Mass loading for inhalation	1.00E-04	g/m^3	1, 2
Exposure duration	30	yr	1, 2
Shielding factor, inhalation	1	unitless	Based on assumption that worker spends all time on site out of doors
Sheilding factor, external gamma	1	unitless	Based on assumption that worker spends all time on site out of doors
Fraction of time spent indoors	0	unitless	Based on assumption that worker spends all time on site out of doors
Fraction of time spent outdoors (on site)	0.148	unitless	Site-specific assumption, based on 54 days/year
Shape factor flag, external gamma	1	unitless	1, 2
Fish consumption	5.4	kg/yr	1, 2
Soil ingestion	5.4	g/yr	Site-specific assumption, based on 54 days/year
Surface Water Ingestion	0.05	l/day	Region 4 Bulletins, Human Health Risk Assessment (USEPA Region IV 2003).

Pathways evaluated:
External gamma
Inhalation (w/o radon)
Soil ingestion
Fish Ingestion

Note: Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

Sources:

1. U.S. DOE. Data Collection Handbook to Support Modeling the Impacts of Radioactive Material in Soil April 1993, ANL/EAIS-8
2. U.S. DOE. Manual for Implementing Residual Radioactive Material Guidelines Using Resrad, Version 6.0 August 2001, ANL/EAD-4

TABLE 8

Summary of Cancer Slope Factors Used for Estimating Radionuclide Risks

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Nuclide	Ground external radiation slope factors, 1/yr per (pCi/g):	Inhalation, slope factors, 1/(pCi):	Food ingestion, slope factors, 1/(pCi):	Soil ingestion, slope factors, 1/(pCi):
Ac-227+D	1.47E-06	2.13E-07	6.51E-10	6.51E-10
Pa-231	1.39E-07	7.62E-08	2.26E-10	2.26E-10
Pb-210+D	4.21E-09	3.08E-08	3.44E-09	3.44E-09
Ra-226+D	8.49E-06	2.82E-08	5.14E-10	5.14E-10
Ra-228+D	4.53E-06	4.37E-08	1.43E-09	1.43E-09
Th-228+D	7.79E-06	3.58E-07	4.22E-10	4.22E-10
Th-230	8.18E-10	3.40E-08	1.19E-10	1.19E-10
Th-232	3.42E-10	4.33E-08	1.33E-10	1.33E-10
U-234	2.52E-10	2.78E-08	9.55E-11	9.55E-11
U-235+D	5.43E-07	2.50E-08	9.73E-11	9.73E-11
U-238+D	8.66E-08	2.36E-08	1.20E-10	1.20E-10
Po-218		3.70E-12		
Pb-214		6.20E-12		
Bi-214		1.50E-11		
Rn-220		1.90E-13		
Po-216		3.00E-15		
Pb-212		3.90E-11		
Bi-212		3.70E-11		

Note: Numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation.
Example: 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

Source: USEPA, 1999, *Cancer Risk Coefficients for Environmental Exposure to Radionuclides*.

TABLE 9

Summary of Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk (Radionuclides)

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Residential Scenario

Radio-Nuclide	Risk	Fraction
Ac-227	1.95E-09	0.00000
Pa-231	1.74E-09	0.00000
Pb-210	2.43E-04	0.01450
Ra-226	9.79E-04	0.05840
Ra-228	9.74E-03	0.58090
Th-228	5.77E-03	0.34410
Th-230	1.68E-14	0.00000
Th-232	2.40E-05	0.00140
U-234	2.01E-10	0.00000
U-235	3.89E-06	0.00020
U-238	9.05E-06	0.00050
Total	2E-02	1

Recreational Scenario

Risk	Fraction
4.05E-10	0.00000
1.28E-10	0.00000
1.51E-06	0.00060
1.76E-04	0.07310
8.24E-04	0.34270
1.40E-03	0.58210
8.89E-16	0.00000
1.19E-06	0.00050
5.07E-12	0.00000
8.95E-07	0.00040
1.45E-06	0.00060
2E-03	1

Risks from Radon (Residential Scenario):

Radio-Nuclide	Risk
Rn-222	4.74E-04
Po-218	9.31E-04
Pb-214	1.18E-03
Bi-214	2.31E-03
Rn-220	1.86E-04
Po-216	2.92E-06
Pb-212	1.19E-04
Bi-212	6.07E-05
Total	5E-03

Radon not evaluated for recreational scenario (radon exposure is evaluated only as an indoor air pathway)

Notes:

Risks are based on potential exposure through both direct (external) and indirect exposure pathways

Indirect exposure pathways include inhalation, soil ingestion and fruit and vegetable ingestion for residents

Indirect exposure pathways include inhalation and soil ingestion for worker and recreational scenarios.

Radon risks include both indoor and outdoor inhalation pathways. Indoor radon risks are 90% of total radon risks.

Risks were calculated using RESRAD Version 6.21.

Risks from fish ingestion were calculated separately using USEPA exposure factors - excess lifetime cancer risks from fish ingestion are **3E-05.**

Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

TABLE 10

Summary of Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk (Radionuclides) - Fish Ingestion

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

Contaminant	EPC in Fish (pCi/g)	Fish Consumption Rate (g/day)	Exposure Frequency (days/year)	Exposure Duration (years)	Intake (pCi)	Slope factor (1/pCi)	Excess Lifetime Cancer Risk
Radium-228+D	0.073	25	365	30	2.01E+04	1.43E-09	2.87E-05
Thorium-232+D	0.005	25	365	30	1.29E+03	1.33E-10	1.72E-07
Thorium-228+D	0.005	25	365	30	1.29E+03	4.22E-10	5.46E-07
Uranium-238+D	0.006	25	365	30	1.71E+03	1.21E-10	2.07E-07
						Total	2.96E-05

Note: Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

TABLE 11

Results of RAD-BCG Screening, Sediment Maximum Concentrations

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

	Water (pCi/L)		Sediment (pCi/g)	
Nuclide	Partial Fraction	Source of Calculation	Partial Fraction	Source of Calculation
Am-241				
Ce-144				
Cs-135				
Cs-137	3.4E-02	RA-Lumped, Default	2.3E-04	RA-Lumped, Default
Co-60				
Eu-154				
Eu-155				
H-3				
I-129				
I-131				
Pu-239				
Ra-226	1.9E+02	RA-Lumped, Default	5.3E-01	RA-Lumped, Default
Ra-228	2.8E+03	RA-Lumped, Default	7.5E+00	RA-Lumped, Default
Sb-125				
Sr-90				
Tc-99				
Th-232	3.6E-02	AA Default BiV	5.0E-01	RA-Lumped, Default
U-233				
U-234	4.7E-01	AA Default BiV	8.9E-03	RA-Lumped, Default
U-235	4.0E-01	AA Default BiV	1.2E-03	RA-Lumped, Default
U-238	3.8E+00	AA Default BiV	1.7E-02	RA-Lumped, Default
Zn-65				
Zr-95				
Partial fractions	2.9E+03		8.5E+00	
Total sum of fractions (water and sediment):				3.0E+03
Result:	You have failed the site screen			

RA: Riparian Animal
AA: Aquatic Animal
BiV: Bioaccumulation value

Note: Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

TABLE 12

Results of RAD-BCG Screening, Sediment Mean Concentrations

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

	Water (pCi/L)		Sediment (pCi/g)	
Nuclide	Partial Fraction	Source of Calculation	Partial Fraction	Source of Calculation
Am-241				
Ce-144				
Cs-135				
Cs-137	6.5E-03	RA-Lumped, Default	4.4E-05	RA-Lumped, Default
Co-60				
Eu-154				
Eu-155				
H-3				
I-129				
I-131				
Pu-239				
Ra-226	1.4E+01	RA-Lumped, Default	3.9E-02	RA-Lumped, Default
Ra-228	1.2E+02	RA-Lumped, Default	3.2E-01	RA-Lumped, Default
Sb-125				
Sr-90				
Tc-99				
Th-232	1.5E-03	AA Default BiV	2.1E-02	RA-Lumped, Default
U-233				
U-234	3.5E-01	AA Default BiV	6.6E-04	RA-Lumped, Default
U-235	3.2E-02	AA Default BiV	9.4E-05	RA-Lumped, Default
U-238	3.1E-01	AA Default BiV	1.4E-03	RA-Lumped, Default
Zn-65				
Zr-95				
Partial fractions	1.3E+02		3.9E-01	
Total sum of fractions (water and sediment):				1.3E+02
Result:	You have failed the site screen			

RA: Riparian Animal
AA: Aquatic Animal
BiV: Bioaccumulation value

Note: Some numbers in table are shown in scientific notation, also known as exponential notation. For example, 1.00E-04 is another way of expressing 1.00×10^{-4}, which is equivalent to 0.0001.

TABLE 13
Chemical-Specific ARARs and TBCs
Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			FEDERAL ARARs AND TBCs	
Clean Air Act National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)	42 USC 7401; 40 CFR 50 and 52 Subpart O	ARAR	Regulates air emissions from area, stationary, and mobile sources. This law authorizes the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to protect public health and welfare and the environment.	Relevant and appropriate to remedial actions that include emissions to the atmosphere.
Clean Water Act [Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as *amended*]	40 CFR 122, 123, 125, 129, 131, 230, 233, 301-303, 306, 307, 320-330, 401, 404; 33 USC 1251; 33 USC 1314	ARAR	Provides federal, state and local discharge requirements to control pollutants to navigable waters (also includes NPDES).	Establishes relevant and appropriate water quality criteria to protect against adverse effects.
Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings	40 CFR 192	ARAR	Provides relevant and appropriate cleanup standards for CERCLA sites contaminated with radionuclides.	Relevant to the management of thorium byproduct materials under Section 84 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, during and following processing of thorium ores, and to restoration of disposal sites. Is construed by EPA to set a standard for radium-226 and -228 of 5 pCi/g total radium above background (a standard of 7.2 pCi/g at the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites).
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)	40 CFR 261, 262, 264, 268; 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.	ARAR	Identifies and lists certain materials as hazardous wastes and sets management standards for such wastes if encountered during cleanup.	Applicable to listed or hazardous or characteristic wastes encountered during cleanup of a site. Would not apply to thorium-contaminated soil or sediment that exhibits the "toxicity characteristic" merely because of the presence of elemental metals normally present in thorium ores.
			STATE ARARs AND TBCs	
Illinois Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings Control Act	420 ILCS 42	ARAR	Requires licensees to be prepared to decontaminate all properties that have been identified as being contaminated with by-product material produced at a licensed site.	Thorium mill tailings from the REF are found at the Sites.
Illinois Water Quality Standards, Water Pollution – Pollution Control Board	35 IAC, Subtitle C, 302-304, 309	ARAR	Provides water quality standards applicable throughout the State, and maximum concentration of various contaminants which can be discharged. Also describes the NPDES and other associated permits.	Establishes relevant and appropriate water quality criteria to protect against adverse effects.
Illinois Environmental Protection – Pollution Control Board – Radiation Hazards	35 IAC, Subtitle I, Chapter I, Part 1000	ARAR	Establishes standards for protection against radiological air pollutants associated with materials and activities under licenses issued by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.	Establishes relevant and appropriate standards for radiological air pollutants that will be considered during development of the monitoring program during site cleanup.

TABLE 13
Chemical-Specific ARARs and TBCs
Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			STATE ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)	
Illinois Environmental Protection – Air Pollution – Toxic Air Contaminants	35 IAC, Subtitle B, Chapter I, Subchapter f, 232	ARAR	Establishes the procedures to identify a toxic air contaminant.	Establishes relevant and appropriate standards that will be considered during development of the monitoring program during site cleanup.
Licensing Requirements for Source Material Milling Facilities	32 IAC 332	ARAR	Establishes the procedural requirements and technical criteria applicable to the disposal of byproduct material and provides for the protection of the public health and safety during and after source material milling operations at the Kerr-McGee REF	Relevant and appropriate to the management of thorium byproduct materials at the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites. Contains State equivalent to soil standards in 40 CFR 192.
Prohibition of Air Pollution	35 IAC, Subtitle B, 201.141	ARAR	Establishes that no person shall cause or threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any contaminant into the environment to cause air pollution, or to prevent the attainment or maintenance of any applicable ambient air quality standard.	Applicable to air emissions generated by equipment or activities during cleanup.
Illinois Radiation Protection Act of 1990	420 ILCS 40-13	ARAR	Requires licensees to complete decontamination of all properties identified as being contaminated with byproduct material from a licensed site.	Revelant and appropriate during remedial design and remedial action.
Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment	Dept. of Energy (DOE) Order 5400.5	TBC	Establishes standards and requirements for operations of the DOE with respect to protection of the public and environment against undue risk from remediation.	The "as low as reasonably achievable" (ALARA) process would be considered in evaluating radiation dose limits for protection of the public and the environment.
Standards for Protection Against Radiation	10 CFR 20	TBC	Establishes that the total radiation dose to an individual (including doses resulting from licensed and unlicensed radioactive material and from radiation sources other than background radiation) do not exceed the standards for protection against radiation.	To be considered when implementing the ALARA approach.
ALARA Levels for Effluent from Materials Facilities	NRC Regulatory Guide 8.37	TBC	Provides guidance on designing an acceptable program for establishing and maintaining ALARA levels for gaseous and liquid effluents at materials facilities.	To be considered when implementing the ALARA approach.
Termination of Operating Licenses for Nuclear Reactors	NRC Regulatory Guide 1.86	TBC	Contains decontamination guides for the release of equipment for unrestricted use.	To be considered when establishing decontamination requirements associated with remediation.

TABLE 14
Action-Specific ARARs and TBCs
Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			FEDERAL ARARs AND TBCs	
Clean Water Act [Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended]	Section 404(b and c) of the Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1344(b and c); 40 CFR Part 230, 231; 33 CFR Part 320-329	ARAR	Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material. Except as otherwise provided under Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(2), no discharge of dredged or fill material shall be permitted if there is a practicable alternative to the proposed discharge which would have a less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences. If there is no other practical alternative, impacts must be minimized. Includes criteria for evaluating whether a particular discharge site may be specified.	Applicable to all existing, proposed, or potential disposal sites for discharges of dredged or fill materials into U.S. waters, which include wetlands. Includes special policies, practices, and procedures to be followed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in connection with the review of applications for permits to authorize the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.
Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (Section 10 Permit)	33 USC 403; 33 CFR Parts 320-330	ARAR	Prohibits unauthorized obstruction or alteration of any navigable water in the U.S. (dredging, fill, cofferdams, piers, etc.). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approval is generally required to excavate or fill, or in any manner to alter or modify the course, location, condition, or capacity of the channel of any navigable water of the U.S.	Applicable to remedial activities that include dredging.
OSHA-Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response	29 CFR 1910.120; 29 CFR 1904.2; 29 CFR 1910.1020	ARAR	Establishes health and safety requirements for cleanup operations at NPL sites.	OSHA requirements apply to all workers during cleanup operations at the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant NPL Sites.
Hazardous Materials Table, Special Provisions, Hazardous Materials Communications, Emergency Response Information, and Training Requirements	49 CFR 172.700	ARAR	Establishes training requirements for hazmat employees.	These requirements apply to the cleanup activities at the Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites.
Oil Pollution Prevention and Response; Non-Transportation-Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities	40 CFR 112	ARAR	Establishes requirements for Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans.	Applicable to site cleanup activities.

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Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			FEDERAL ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)	
USDOT Placarding and Handling	49 CFR 171, 173	ARAR	Provides transportation and handling requirements for hazardous materials.	Applies to hazardous materials that are removed and transported from the Sites.
Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended	40 CFR 261-265, 268	ARAR	Establishes a characteristic test of the presence of hazardous constituents at levels that could make remedial residues hazardous wastes, and establishes requirements for management, transport, and land disposal of such materials.	Applicable to remedial activities involving transport and disposal of material.
USEPA Remedial Design/Remedial Action Handbook		TBC	General reference manual that provides remedial project managers with an overview of the remedial design and remedial action processes.	This manual will be consulted during remedial design and remedial action.
USEPA Superfund Remedial Design and Remedial Action Guidance	OSWER Directive No. 9355.0-4A, June 1986	TBC	Guidance document developed to assist agencies and parties who plan, administer, and manage remedial design and remedial action at Superfund sites.	This guidance will be consulted during remedial design and remedial action.
			STATE ARARs AND TBCs	
Department of Nuclear Safety – Transportation of Radioactive Material	32 IAC, Chapter II, 341	ARAR	Establishes requirements for packaging, preparation for shipment and transportation of radioactive material and applies to any person who transports radioactive material or delivers radioactive material to a carrier for transport.	Applicable to remedial activities involving transport of material.
Floodway Construction in Northeastern Illinois	17 IAC, Title 17, Chapter I, Part 3708	ARAR	Provides rules governing construction and filling in the regulatory floodway of rivers, lakes and streams of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, excluding the City of Chicago so that periodic inundation will not pose a danger to the general health and welfare of the user, require the expenditure of public funds, require the provision of public resources or disaster relief services, and result singularly or cumulatively in greater flood damages or potential flood damages due to increases in flood stage or velocities or loss of flood storage.	Applicable to the dredging work at the sites during cleanup activities.
Hazardous Material Transportation Regulations	IDOT Title 92, Chapter I, Subchapter C	ARAR	Designates the requirements of the Illinois Department of Transportation governing the transportation of hazardous wastes including discussion of carrying waste by highway and specifications for tank cars and packaging.	Applicable to remedial activities involving transport of hazardous material.
Illinois Urban Manual	IEPA/USDA, NRCS; 1995	ARAR	Provides construction standards and specifications, material specifications, and standard drawings related to urban ecosystem protection and enhancement.	Applicable to site cleanup activities.

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Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
STATE ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)				
Licensing Requirements for Land Disposal of Radioactive Waste	32 IAC 601	ARAR	Establishes procedures, criteria, and terms and conditions upon which the Department of Nuclear Safety issues licenses for the land disposal of radioactive wastes if such disposal is away from the point of generation or if such disposal is of waste which has been received from other persons.	Relevant and appropriate to cleanup activities at the Sites involving transportation of radioactive material for disposal.
Nuclear Safety – Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings Control Act	420 ILCS 42	ARAR	Establishes a comprehensive program for the timely decommissioning of uranium and thorium mill tailing facilities in Illinois and for the decontamination of properties that are contaminated with uranium or thorium mill tailings (in addition to the regulatory program established in the Radiation Protection Act of 1990).	Applicable to remedial activities at sites contaminated by radioactive thorium from the REF.
Procedures and Criteria for Federal Permits or Licenses for Discharge Into Waters of the State	35 IAC 395	ARAR	These rules state the procedures and criteria which the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will use in certifying, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, that activities requiring federal permits of licenses will comply with Sections 301, 302, 202m 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.	Applicable to cleanup activities including dredging in Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River.
Regulation of Construction Within Floodplains	92 IAC, Part 708; 17 IAC, Title 17, Chapter I, Part 3706	ARAR	Provides protection of public health, safety, and general welfare by restricting damageable floodplain improvements and uses which increase flood damage potential elsewhere. The regulation is more specifically adopted to: - Protect adjacent, upstream, and downstream private and public landowners from increases in flood heights and velocities and resulting increases in flood damage; - Minimize extraordinary direct/indirect costs to governmental units caused by developments within flood plains for roads, sewer and water, flood control works, flood relief and emergency services; - Reduce health and safety risks to the individual, family or guests, prevent blighting, and prevent economic losses detracting from community well-being and the tax base; - Protect individuals from buying lands which are unsuited for intended purposes because of flood hazard; and - Prevent water pollution, nuisances due to floating structures/debris, and increased sedimentation.	Applicable to the cleanup activities in floodplains along Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River.
Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act	615 ILCS (1996 State Bar Edition)	ARAR	Regulates construction activities in floodplains with a focus on preserving the hydrological integrity of the state's public waters.	Applicable to the cleanup activities in floodplains along Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River.
Environmental Protection – Pollution Control Board – Waste Disposal – Site Remediation Program	35 IAC, Subtitle G, Chapter I, Part 740	TBC	Establishes procedures for the investigative and remedial activities at sites where there is a release, threatened release, or suspected release of hazardous substances, pesticides, or petroleum and for the review and approval of those activities.	To be considered during investigation and cleanup of the Kress Creek and STP Sites.

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			STATE ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)	
Rules for Regulation of Public Waters	92 IAC, Part 704; 17 IAC, Title 17, Chapter I, Part 3704	ARAR	Provides protection of the public's interest, rights, safety and welfare in the State's public bodies of water. More specifically, construction will be regulated to prevent obstruction to, or interference with, the navigability of any public body of water; encroachment on any public body of water; and impairment of the rights, interests or uses of the public in any public body of water or in the natural resources thereof.	Applicable to dredging activities in Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River.
Standards and Specifications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control	IEPA/WPC/87-012	ARAR	Provides standards and specifications for design and construction of erosion control measures.	Construction activities should be planned and constructed in accordance with the specifications outlined in the Illinois Urban Manual, especially as it relates to erosion control measures.
Transportation of Radioactive Material	32 IAC 341	ARAR	Establishes requirements for packaging, preparation for shipment and transportation of radioactive material and applies to any person who transports radioactive material or delivers radioactive material to a carrier for transport.	Applicable to remedial activities involving transport of thorium-contaminated material.
Standards for Protection Against Radiation	32 IAC 340	ARAR	Establishes standards for protection against radiation during receipt, possession, use, transfer, and disposal of radiation sources.	Applicable to site activities involving handling, transportation and disposal of thorium-contaminated material.
Waste Disposal – Pollution Control Board	35 IAC, Subtitle G, 721-722, 724, 728, 807-809	ARAR	Includes the Identification And Listing Of Hazardous Waste, Standards Applicable To Generators Of Hazardous Waste, Standards For Owners And Operators Of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, And Disposal Facilities, Land Disposal Restrictions, Special Waste Classifications, and Nonhazardous Special Waste Hauling and the Uniform Program. The regulations identify those solid wastes which are subject to regulation as hazardous wastes; establish standards for generators of hazardous waste; identifies hazardous wastes that are restricted from land disposal and defines those limited circumstances under which an otherwise prohibited waste may continue to be land disposed; provides a means by which persons may obtain a classification or declassification of special (non-RCRA) waste based on the degree of hazard of the waste or other characteristics, to assure that the waste receives appropriate handling; and prescribes the procedures for the Uniform Hazardous Materials Transportation and Registration Program and for the issuance of permits to nonhazardous special waste transporters; for the inspection and numbering of vehicles; and for proper management and transportation of solid and non-hazardous special wastes to approved disposal, storage and treatment sites.	Portions are applicable and portions are relevant and appropriate to remedial activities involving handling and disposal of hazardous and special wastes.
Flood Control Act	ILCS 14-28-1	ARAR	Requires formal approval for any offsite construction, excavation or filling in the floodway.	Would be relevant and appropriate if any remedial work is conducted offsite.

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Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			LOCAL TBCs	
DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Floodplain Ordinance	Ordinance No. OSM-0001-89	TBC	Required for development (i.e., excavation or fill, alteration, change in land use, or activities affecting stormwater discharge) that affects both a floodplain/riparian area and a wetland.	The cleanup work will take place in floodplains, riparian areas and wetlands.
DuPage County Right of Way Permit, License and Fee Ordinance	Ordinance No. ODT-0007-97	TBC	Applies to any work conducted within County designated highway routes including storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water main, residential/commercial, left/right turn widening, sidewalk, grading, landscaping, street lighting, signage, traffic signals, parades, temporary road closures/detours, etc.	Would apply during activities involving use of County designated highway routes.
Kane/DuPage County Erosion and Sediment Control Plan Application	Condition of Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit Issuance – DuPage County signed Memorandum of Understanding on 6/12/97	TBC	Requires appropriate soil erosion and sediment control measures to be implemented and maintained until the construction site is vegetated and stabilized.	Applies to cleanup activities that may adversely affect water quality by causing soil erosion into surface waters or disturbing sediments.

TABLE 15
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Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			FEDERAL ARARs AND TBCs	
Endangered Species Act	16 USC 1531-1544; 50 CFR Part 17, Subpart I; 50 CFR Part 402	ARAR	Federal agencies are required to verify that any action authorized, funded, or carried out by them is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a critical habitat of such species, unless such agency has been granted an appropriate exemption by the Endangered Species Committee (16 USC § 1536).	Some threatened or endangered species are known to exist in the general project area of DuPage County, but none have been identified at the Sites. This regulation woiuld apply if any threatened or endangered species were identified at the Sites.
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act	16 USC, 661-666	ARAR	Whenever the waters of any stream or other body of water are proposed or authorized to be impounded, diverted, the channel deepened, or the stream or other body of water otherwise controlled or modified for any purpose, by any department or agency of the United States, such department or agency first shall consult with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and with the head of the agency exercising administration over the wildlife resources of the particular State in which the impoundment, diversion, or other control facility is to be constructed, with a view to the conservation of wildlife resources by preventing loss of and damage to such resources.	These requirements apply to the Site cleanups which involve controlling and diverting water in Kress Creek and the West Branch DuPage River.
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	42 USC Sect 4321 et. seq.; 40 CFR Sect. 6 Subpart C; 23 CFR 771	ARAR	Establishes the broad national framework for protecting our environment and assures that all branches of government give proper consideration to the environment prior to undertaking any major federal action that significantly affects the environment. Requirements are invoked when airports, buildings, military complexes, highways, parkland purchases, and other federal activities are proposed. Environmental Assessments (EAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), which are assessments of the likelihood of impacts from alternative courses of action, are required from all Federal agencies and are the most visible NEPA requirements.	NEPA requires the USACE to conduct an Environmental Assessment to determine whether an EIS is required. An EIS is required for "major federal activities significantly affecting the environment." This process is generally performed concurrent with the review of the Section 404 permit (potentially via the joint application process). The remedial investigation and feasibility study is functionally equivalent to the EIS because it examines the impacts of the various cleanup alternatives.
Preservation of Historical and Archaeological Data Act and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)	16 USC 469; 36 CFR Parts 60, 63, 65; 16 USC 470; 36 CFR Part 800 ; EO 11593	ARAR	Establishes requirements for the recovery and preservation of historical and archaeological data. Also requires measures to minimize harm to historic resources. Response actions must take into account effects on properties on or eligible for inclusion on the National Registry of Historic Places. Federal agencies are required to locate, inventory, and nominate to the National Register of Historic Places all properties under their jurisdiction or control that appear to qualify for listing in the National Register.	These recovery and preservation requirements apply if historical or archaeological resources are encountered. No such resources have been encountered in the studies performed at the Sites to date.

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Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			FEDERAL ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)	
Statement of Procedures on Floodplain Management and Wetland Protection	44 CFR Part 9	ARAR	Sets forth EPA policy and guidance for carrying out Executive Orders 11990 and 11988. Executive Order 11988: Floodplain Management requires federal agencies to evaluate the potential effects of actions they may take in a floodplain to avoid, to the extent possible, adverse effects associated with direct and indirect development of a floodplain. Federal agencies are required to avoid adverse impacts or minimize them if no practicable alternative. Executive Order 11990: Protection of wetlands requires federal agencies conducting certain activities to avoid, to the extent possible, adverse impacts associated with the destruction or loss of wetlands if a practicable alternative exists. Federal agencies are required to avoid adverse impacts or minimize them if no practicable alternative exists.	These directives are relevant and appropriate because the removal of contaminated sediments and soils will affect floodplains and wetland areas.
Mitigation of Impacts to Wetlands and Natural Habitat	23 CFR 777	TBC	Establishes procedures for the evaluation and mitigation of adverse environmental impacts to wetlands and natural habitat resulting from Federal-aid projects.	Although not a Federally-aided project, would be considered in the wetlands evaluation and mitigation.
EPA Office of Solid Waste And Emergency Response - Policy of Floodplains and Wetland Assessments for CERCLA Actions, August 1985		TBC	This memorandum discusses situations that require preparation of a floodplains or wetland assessment, and the factors that should be considered in preparing an assessment, for response actions taken pursuant to Section 104 or 106 of CERCLA.	Will be consulted with respect to any floodplains or wetlands assessments that need to be performed.
			STATE ARARs AND TBCs	
Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act	520 ILCS 10 (1994 State Bar Edition)	ARAR	It is unlawful for any person to possess, take, transport, sell, offer for sale, give or otherwise dispose of any animal or the product thereof of any animal species which occurs on the Illinois List, or to deliver, receive, carry, transport or ship in interstate or foreign commerce plants listed as endangered by the Federal government without a permit, and to take plants on the Illinois list without the expressed written permission of the landowner or to sell or offer for sale plant or plant products of endangered species on the Illinois list.	Some threatened or endangered species are known to exist in the general project area DuPage County, but none have been identified at the Sites. This regulation would apply if any threatened or endangered species were identified at the Sites.

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Regulation	Citation	ARAR or TBC	Description	Rationale
			STATE ARARs AND TBCs (CONT'D)	
Illinois Environmental Protection Act	415 ILCS 5	ARAR	It is the purpose of this act to establish a unified, state-wide program supplemented by private remedies, to restore, protect and enhance the quality of the environment, and to assure that adverse effects upon the environment are fully considered and borne by those who cause them.	These requirements are relevant and appropriate to the cleanup of the Kress Creek and STP Sites.
Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act	20 ILCS 3420, as amended, 17 IAC 4180	ARAR	Requires an assessment of all state funded, permitted or licensed work to determine whether prehistoric or historic cultural resources are present within the project area. If probability of archaeological resources present within the project area, an archaeological survey would be required.	These recovery and preservation requirements apply if historical or archaeological resources are encountered. No such resources have been encountered in the studies performed at the Sites to date.
Interagency Wetland Policy Act of 1989	20 ILCS 830	ARAR	Directs that the State Agencies shall preserve, enhance, and create wetlands where possible and avoid adverse impacts to wetlands in order to maintain the economic and social values of the State's remaining wetlands.	This directive is relevant and appropriate because the removal of contaminated sediments and soils will affect floodplains and wetland areas.
			LOCAL TBCs	
An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for the Granting of Easements and Licenses by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and Providing for the Partial Repeal of Ordinance No. 9-22	Ordinance No. 96-096	TBC	This Ordinance establishes rules and regulations governing granting of easements and licenses by the District to protect and preserve the property, natural areas, forests, trees, vegetation, wildlife, scenic beauties, natural resources, flora and fauna, facilities, and improvements of the District.	To be considered with respect to Forest Preserve District Land at the Sites.

TABLE 16

Alternative 3: Summary of Preliminary Material Volume Estimates

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

Geographic Location	Estimated Volume (cubic yards)						
	Sediment Materials		Floodplain Materials		Total		Total (Rounded)
	Targeted Material	Overburden Material	Targeted Material	Overburden Material	Targeted Material	Overburden Material	
Kress Creek: Outfall to May Street	1,700	500	5,000	1,400	6,700	1,900	9,000
Kress Creek: May Street to Joy Road	3,900	1,000	3,600	900	7,500	1,900	9,000
Kress Creek: Joy Road to Route 59	700	100	6,200	1,100	6,900	1,200	8,000
Kress Creek: Route 59 to Confluence	100	100	3,200	400	3,300	500	4,000
West Branch DuPage River: STP to Confluence	200	100	2,000	1,000	2,200	1,100	3,000
West Branch DuPage River: Confluence to Williams Road	1,000	600	11,200	7,100	12,200	7,700	20,000
West Branch DuPage River: Williams Road to Butterfield Road	700	900	1,300	1,600	2,000	2,500	5,000
West Branch DuPage River: Butterfield Road to Warrenville Dam	24,500	15,500	1,300	800	25,800	16,300	42,000
West Branch DuPage River: McDowell Grove Area	10,000	14,700	0	0	10,000	14,700	25,000
Rounded Total:	43,000	34,000	34,000	14,000	77,000	48,000	125,000

Notes:

1. Total surface areas were calculated by summing surface areas (obtained from ArcView) for all individual areas within a specified reach. Volumes were calculated using the average depth of overburden and targeted material provided for all boreholes within each area and multiplying by the total surface area.
2. Volumes were further separated by sediment or floodplain based on the percent of total surface area for each reach that exists within or outside of the Creek/River boundary.
3. The areal extent of targeted material is illustrated on Figure 2-1 of the FS Report.
4. Kerr-McGee is performing additional characterization (i.e., surface scanning and if necessary, downhole drilling) in specific areas of the Sites, including the stretch of the River between the Warrenville and McDowell Dams. Volumes provided in this document do not take into account this additional characterization, and therefore may require modification based on the results of the additional characterization work.
5. The reach entitled "West Branch DuPage River: STP to Confluence" represents the river portion of the STP Site; all other reaches are part of the Kress Creek Site.

TABLE 17

Preliminary Cost Estimate for Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil throughout the Sites

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	NO. OF UNITS	UNIT COST	ESTIMATED COST
1	General Expenses	LS	1	$15,000,000	$15,000,000
2	Pre-Design Investigations	LS	1	$600,000	$600,000
3	Site Preparation	LS	1	$2,400,000	$2,400,000
4	Temporary Sedimentation and Erosion Control Area for Filtering	LS	1	$730,000	$730,000
5	Dewatering System	LS	1	$7,700,000	$7,700,000
6	Overburden Excavation/Staging (Creek/River Sediments and Floodplain Materials)	CY	48,000	$20	$960,000
7	Targeted Sediment Excavation/Staging/Transport and Disposal	CY	44,000	$315	$13,860,000
8	Targeted Floodplain Material Removal/Staging/ Transport and Disposal	CY	38,000	$275	$10,450,000
9	Sediment Stabilization	TON	68,400	$25	$1,710,000
10	Material Loading	CY	77,000	$15	$1,155,000
11	Backfill	CY	67,000	$15	$1,005,000
12	Site Restoration	LS	1	$2,740,000	$2,740,000
13	Construction Monitoring/Oversight	MO	32	$30,000	$960,000
				Construction Total:	$59.3 M
				Engineering Design:	$1.8 M
				Contingency:	$11.9 M
				Long-Term Monitoring/O&M Program (Present Worth):	$0.7 M
				Total:	$73.7 M

See assumptions on Page 2.

TABLE 17 (continued)

Preliminary Cost Estimate for Alternative 3:
Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil throughout the Sites

Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites

General Assumptions:

1. Under this alternative, excavation activities would be performed using mechanical excavation techniques within discrete manageable reaches. Targeted areas would be isolated or contained using silt curtains, sand bags, earthen berms, and/or sheetpiling, as appropriate, and dewatered to allow excavation in the dry. Complete excavation of overburden and targeted materials would be performed in a stepwise manner upstream to downstream within the discrete reaches prior to moving to the next reach. At each location, overburden materials would be excavated first, followed by targeted material.
2. Work to be conducted 6 days per week.
3. All costs are provided in 2004 dollars and all capital cost expenditures are assumed to occur in 2004.
4. Costs do not include property costs (if necessary), access costs (if necessary), permitting costs, legal fees, Agency oversight, and public relations efforts.
5. Engineering and design fees estimated at 5% of construction and restoration costs (i.e., construction monitoring/oversight and transportation and off-site material transportation and disposal costs are not included).
6. A 20% contingency fee has been included to account for unforeseen circumstances or variability in volumes, labor, or material cost.

Specific Assumptions:

1. The line item for general expenses includes the following components (the approximate percentage of the total line item cost that is associated with each component is provided in parenthesis): mobilization/demobilization along with decontamination of equipment (5%), temporary facilities and installation of electrical systems (5%), health and safety (20%), surveying (5%), radiological testing (1%), taxes (5%), and contractor overhead (25%), and expenses and other fees such as indirect job labor, general expenses, and profit (34%).
2. Pre-design investigations would be performed prior to implementation of remedial activities at an estimated cost of $75,000 per reach.
3. Site preparation activities include clearing and grubbing, and construction of access and haul roads. During clearing and grubbing, all trees and brush located within areas required to complete excavation activities would be cleared. Chipped trees and stumps would be left on site. Access and haul roads would be constructed to a width of approximately 16 feet using geotextile (and/or geogrid in soft areas) and stone. Staging areas would be constructed using a liner, geotextile and stone, asphalt, and would be bermed around the perimeter for containment. The approximate breakdown of the total line item estimated cost is as follows: 5% for clearing and grubbing, 60% for construction of access and haul roads, and 35% for construction of staging areas.
4. The temporary sedimentation and erosion control area for filtering would include construction of a water filtering system and placement of silt curtains to mitigate migration of suspended solids during construction. The temporary sedimentation control system is assumed to consist of sand and carbon filters, polymer system, pumps, and a storage tank. A silt curtain would be installed downstream of the work areas and anchored into shore. Approximately 95% of the total estimated line item cost is for construction and operation of the water filtering system with the remaining 5% comprised of silt curtain purchase and installation.
5. The assumed dewatering system for the Creek/River would include either a pump bypass system including a dewatering pump and pipe along with sheetpiling, earthen berms, silt curtains, and/or sand bags as appropriate or a sheetpile diversion system along with excavation dewatering sumps/piping, as appropriate. Both of these systems would include two different dewatering components - dewatering the Creek/River area targeted for excavation and dewatering excavated materials (via gravity drainage at the staging area). Note the actual diversion method will be determined during detailed design. The lump sum cost is comprised of 45% for dewatering associated with construction and operation of the required pump bypass systems and 55% for dewatering associated with the required sheetpile diversion systems.
6. All overburden materials from the Creek/River bed and floodplain areas have been assumed to be excavated through the use of backhoes at a rate of 400 cubic yards per day (cy/day). Materials would be loaded and transported to the on-site staging area, where they would be staged for future use as backfill.
7. All targeted sediment materials have been assumed to be excavated through the use of backhoes at a rate of 200 cy/day. Materials would be loaded and transported to the on-site staging area, where they would be staged for off-site disposal. Off-site material transportation and disposal includes disposal of excavated targeted sediment and stone in direct contact within the materials requiring disposal. Includes trucking to trans-shipment point, railcar loading, rail shipping, and disposal.

TABLE 17 (continued)

Preliminary Cost Estimate for Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil throughout the Sites

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8. All targeted floodplain materials have been assumed to be excavated through the use of backhoes at a rate of 400 cy/day. Materials would be loaded and transported to the on-site staging area, where they would be staged for off-site disposal. Off-site material transportation and disposal includes disposal of excavated targeted soil material and stone in direct contact within the materials requiring disposal. Includes trucking to trans-shipment point, railcar loading, rail shipping, and disposal.

9. It has been assumed that sediment materials requiring off-site disposal would be stabilized through the use of quicklime (15% by weight would be added). Sediment and quicklime would be blended at the on-site staging areas with a backhoe. The tonnage provided represents the weight of sediment including the additive tonnage of quicklime.

10. All materials requiring off-site disposal would be loaded from the staging area with a backhoe into dump trucks for transport to a disposal transfer station. It is assumed that the material would be handled a second time at the transfer station for loading for off-site disposal.

11. Excavated bank and floodplain areas would be backfilled to original grades with a combination of overburden material and materials available locally (assumed available in sufficient quantity) using a front end loader. The backfilled areas would be graded with a bulldozer. Select sediment areas would be filled within 2 feet of original grade using overburden or imported fill materials to maintain stability where deep excavations may exist.

12. All disturbed areas in the floodplain would be appropriately restored and revegetated to the extent practicable based on location characteristics (i.e., high or low energy aquatic environment, floodplain, residential, or forest preserve areas) and considering pre-remedial conditions. The restoration lump sum line item is comprised of the following breakdown: 45% for streambanks, 10% for residential/commercial properties, and 45% for forest preserves.

13. Construction monitoring and oversight would include daily oversight of all construction activities and air and water column monitoring.

14. The long-term monitoring/operation and maintenance program is assumed to include an annual monitoring and maintenance period for wetlands and other areas (i.e., forested uplands, low and high energy stream banks) for 3 years (estimated at approximately $250,000 per event), and maintenance of residential/commercial areas for 1 year (estimated at approximately $10,000). The estimated cost for the long-term monitoring program was calculated using the present worth analysis process outlined by the USEPA (July 2000). A discount rate of 7% was used for the present worth calculation.

FIGURES

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KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL LLC
KRESS CREEK / WEST BRANCH DuPAGE RIVER

SITE REACH LOCATION MAP

BBL BLASLAND, BOUCK & LEE, INC. engineers & scientists

FIGURE 1

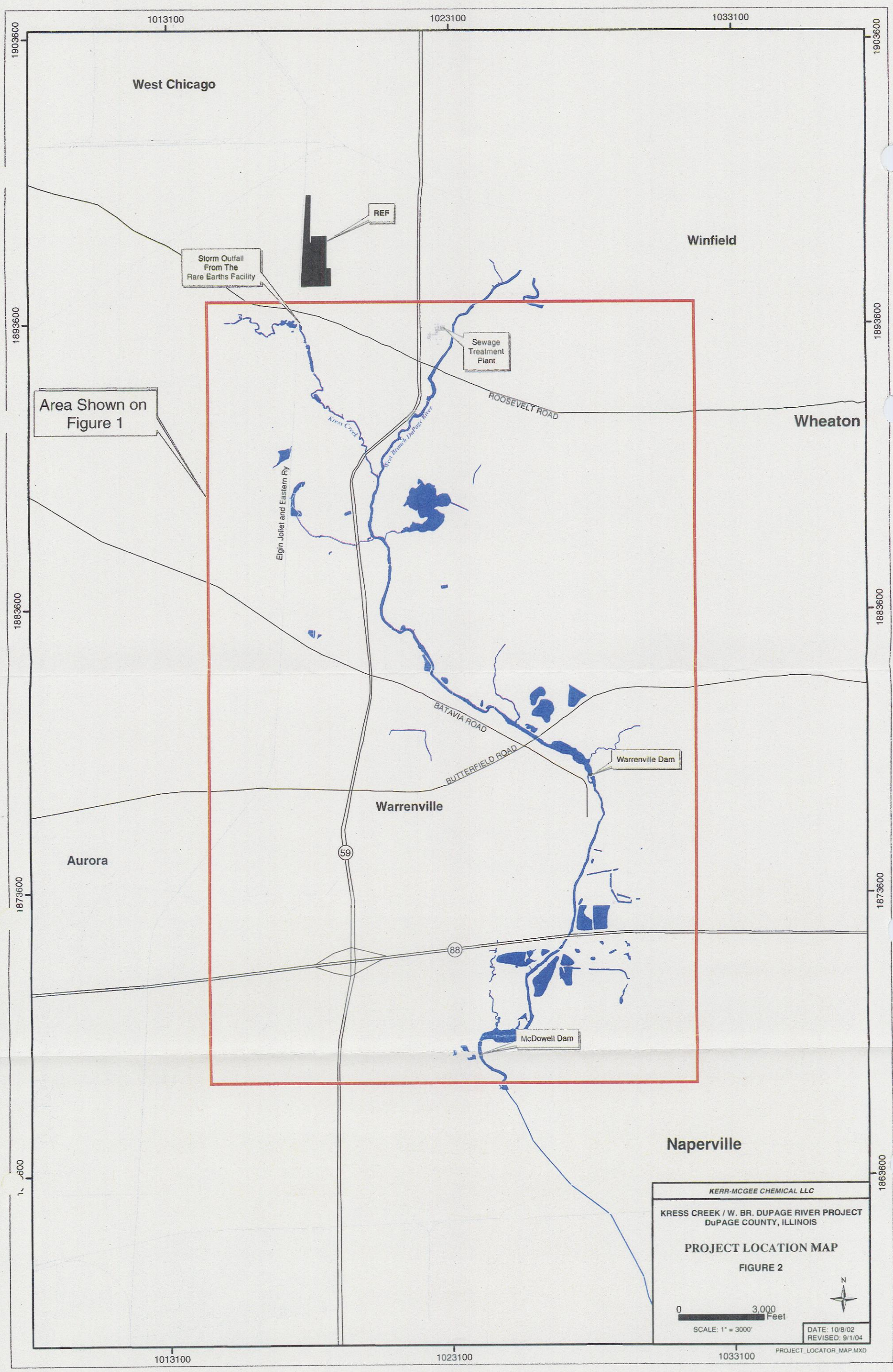
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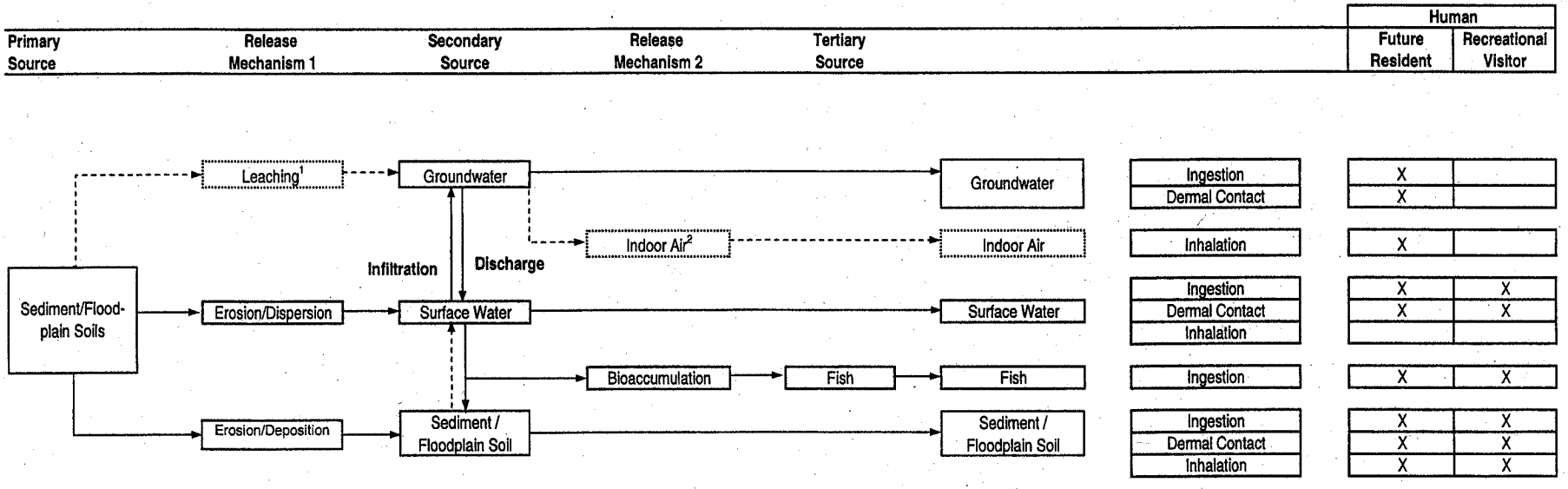
FIGURE 3

Conceptual Site Model, Human Health Risk Assessment

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site



Note:

X - Potentially complete exposure pathways (quantitatively evaluated).

O - Potentially complete exposure pathways (qualitatively evaluated).

- - - Dashed lines indicate theoretically complete exposure pathway but may not be significant.

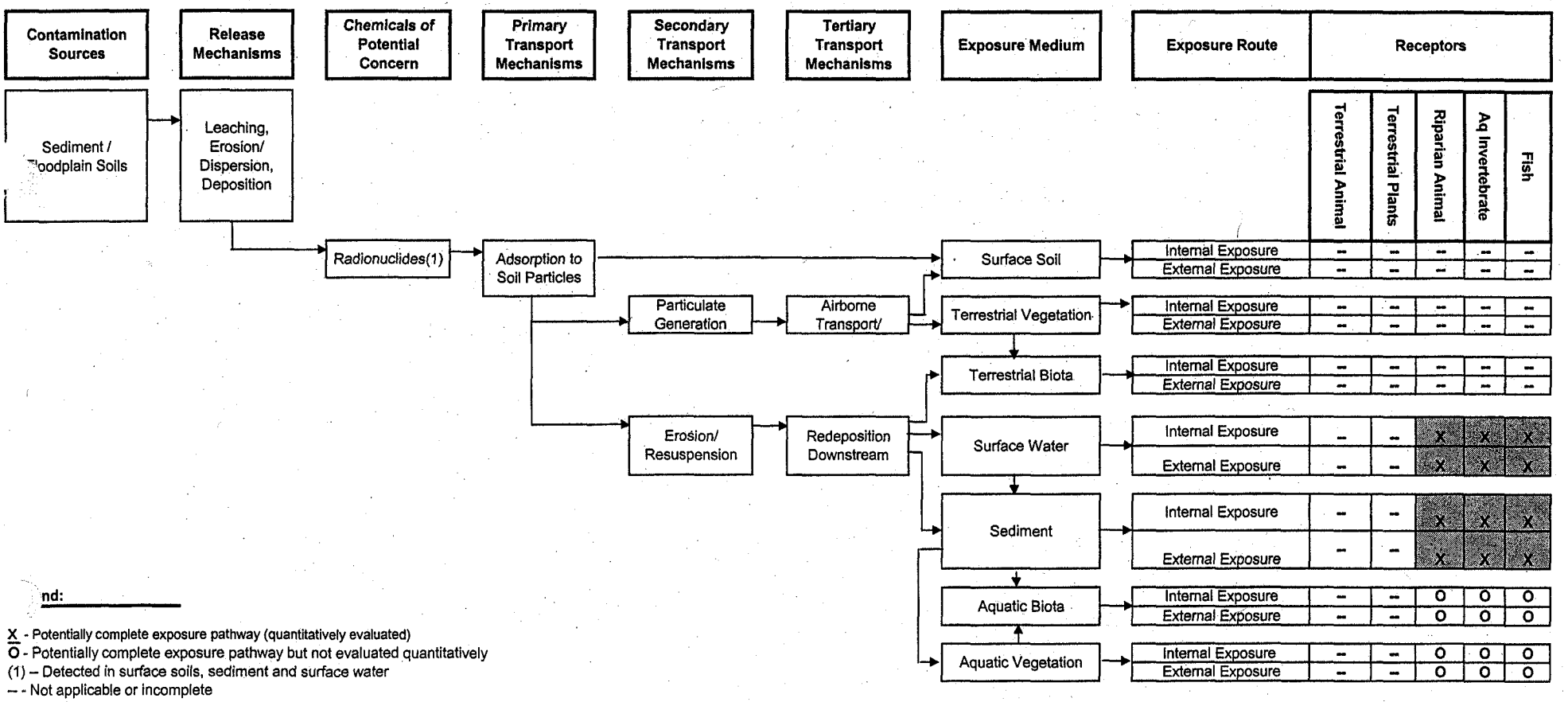
[1] Leaching from sediment/floodplain soil to groundwater is not considered significant transport mechanism.

[2] Small number of volatile constituents were detected in groundwater, indicating volatilization from groundwater to indoor air may not be significant.

FIGURE 4

Conceptual Site Model, Ecological Risk Assessment - Radionuclides

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site



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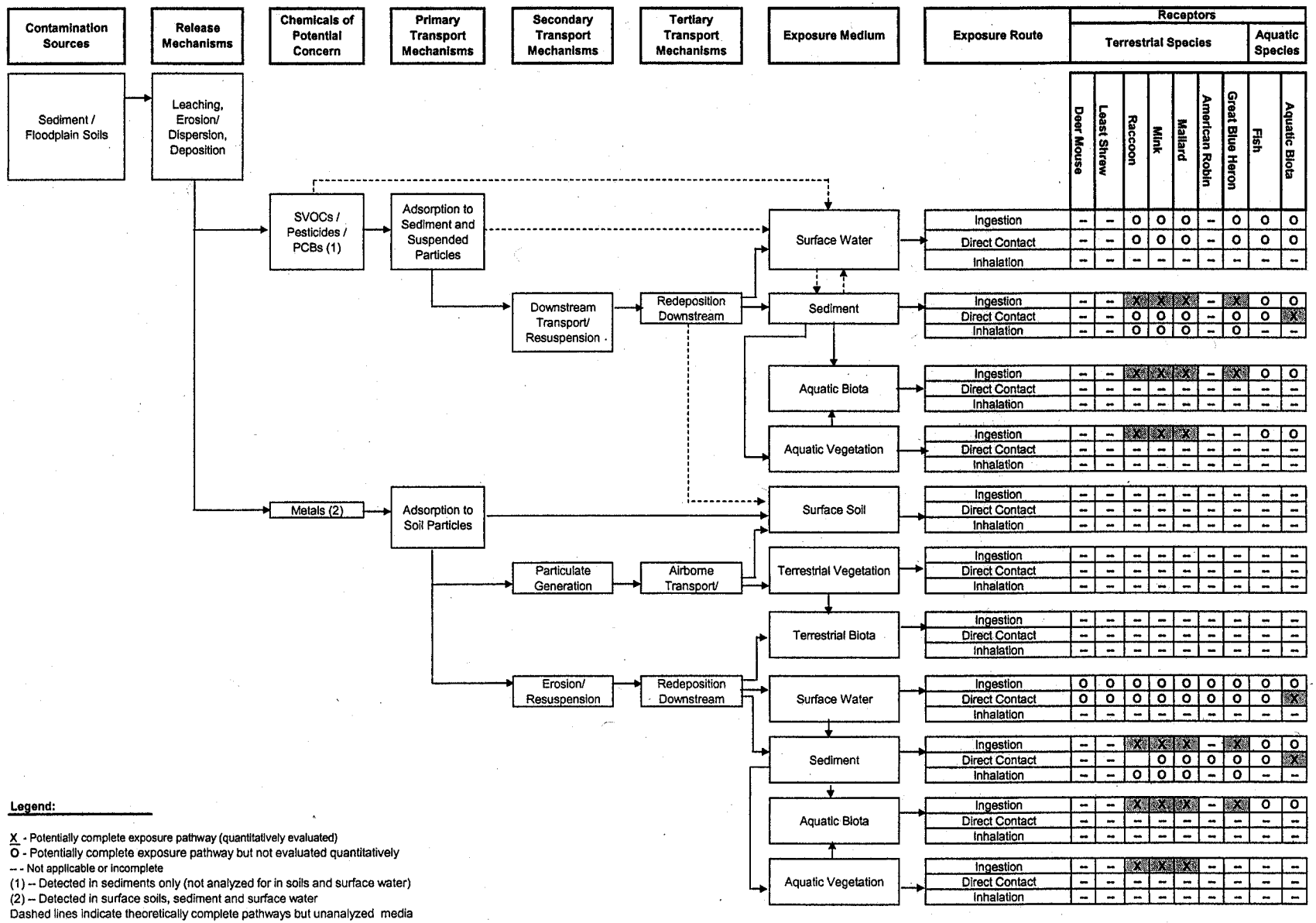
X - Potentially complete exposure pathway (quantitatively evaluated)
O - Potentially complete exposure pathway but not evaluated quantitatively
(1) – Detected in surface soils, sediment and surface water
-- - Not applicable or incomplete

FIGURE 5

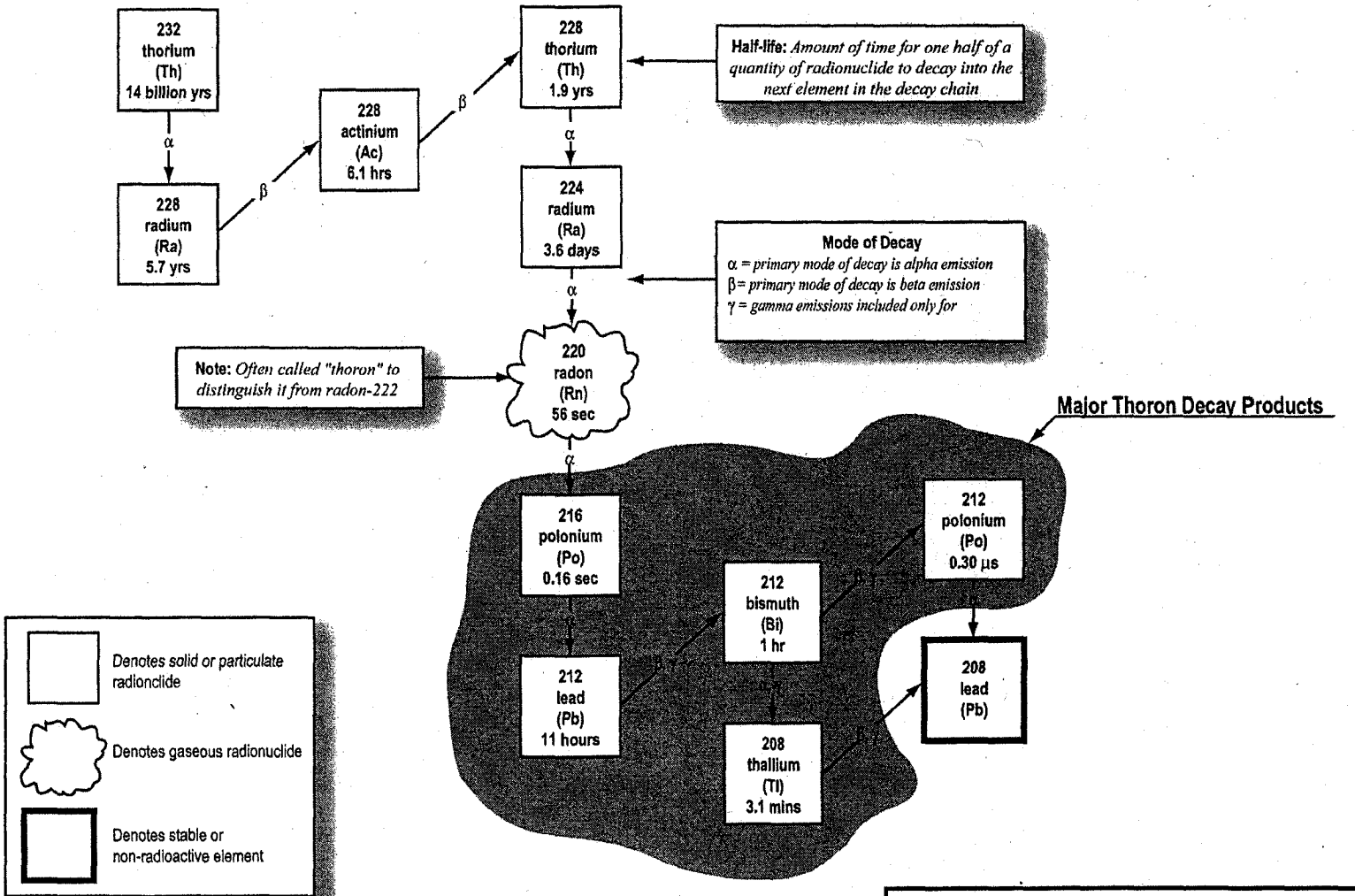
Conceptual Site Model, Ecological Risk Assessment - Chemicals

Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site



Legend:

X - Potentially complete exposure pathway (quantitatively evaluated)
O - Potentially complete exposure pathway but not evaluated quantitatively
-- - Not applicable or incomplete
(1) -- Detected in sediments only (not analyzed for in soils and surface water)
(2) -- Detected in surface soils, sediment and surface water
Dashed lines indicate theoretically complete pathways but unanalyzed media



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KRESS CREEK/WEST BRANCH DuPAGE RIVER

DECAY CHAIN FOR THORIUM-232

BBL BLASLAND, BOUCK & LEE, INC. engineers, scientists, economists

FIGURE 6

SOURCE: CH2M HILL, 2003.

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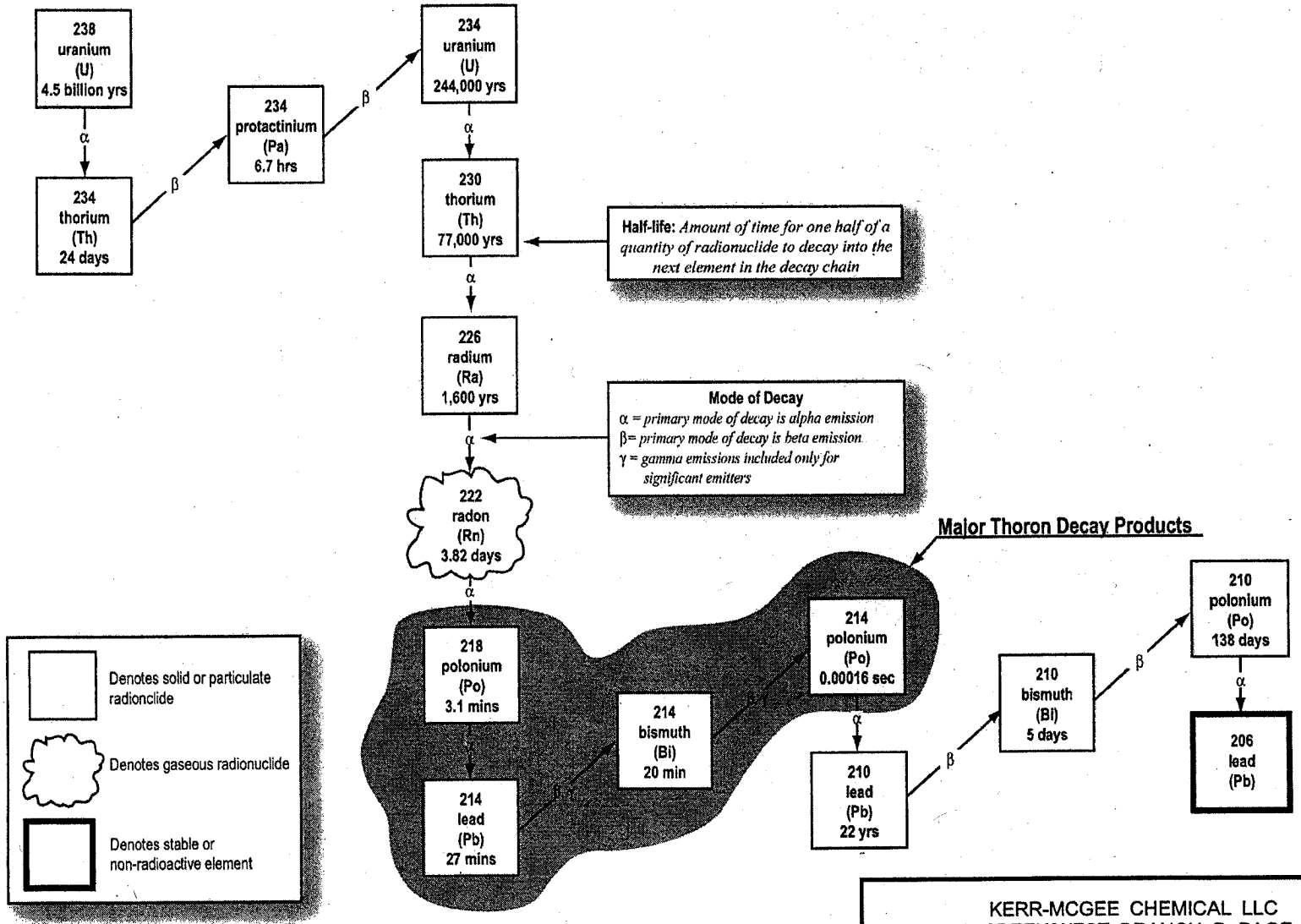

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DECAY CHAIN FOR URANIUM-238

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FIGURE 7

SOURCE: CH2M HILL, 2003.

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KRESS CREEK / W. BR. DuPAGE RIVER PROJECT
DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

REGIONAL - DELINEATION DRILLING

CENTRAL AREA
MACK ROAD
TO FOOTBRIDGE BELOW WARRENVILLE DAM

LAND TYPES
- FOREST
- RESIDENTIAL
- PARK
- COMMERCIAL
- GOVERNMENT

Area and/or Drilling >7.2 pCi/g
Drilling <7.2 pCi/g
DRILLING AS OF 03/2601
PROPERTIES WITHOUT ACCESS AGREEMENT
PARCELS

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STORM SEWER OUTFALL FROM THE RARE EARTHS FACILITY
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
EAST BOUNDARY OF UPLAND OU
ELGIN JOLIET & EASTERN RAILWAY
MAY STREET
ROOSEVELT ROAD
JOY ROAD
MANVILLE OAKS PARK
CLARKE ROAD
KRESS CREEK
WILSON ROAD
JOLIET STREET
I-88
WEST BRANCH DuPAGE RIVER
GARY'S MILL ROAD
MACK ROAD
KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL LLC
FIGURE 8
KRESS CREEK / W. BR. DuPAGE RIVER PROJECT
DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGIONAL - DELINEATION DRILLING
NORTHERN AREA
OUTFALL / SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT
TO SOUTH OF MACK ROAD
LAND TYPES
FOREST
RESIDENTIAL
PARK
COMMERCIAL
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Area under Drilling >7.2 pCi/g
Drilling - 7.2 pCi/g
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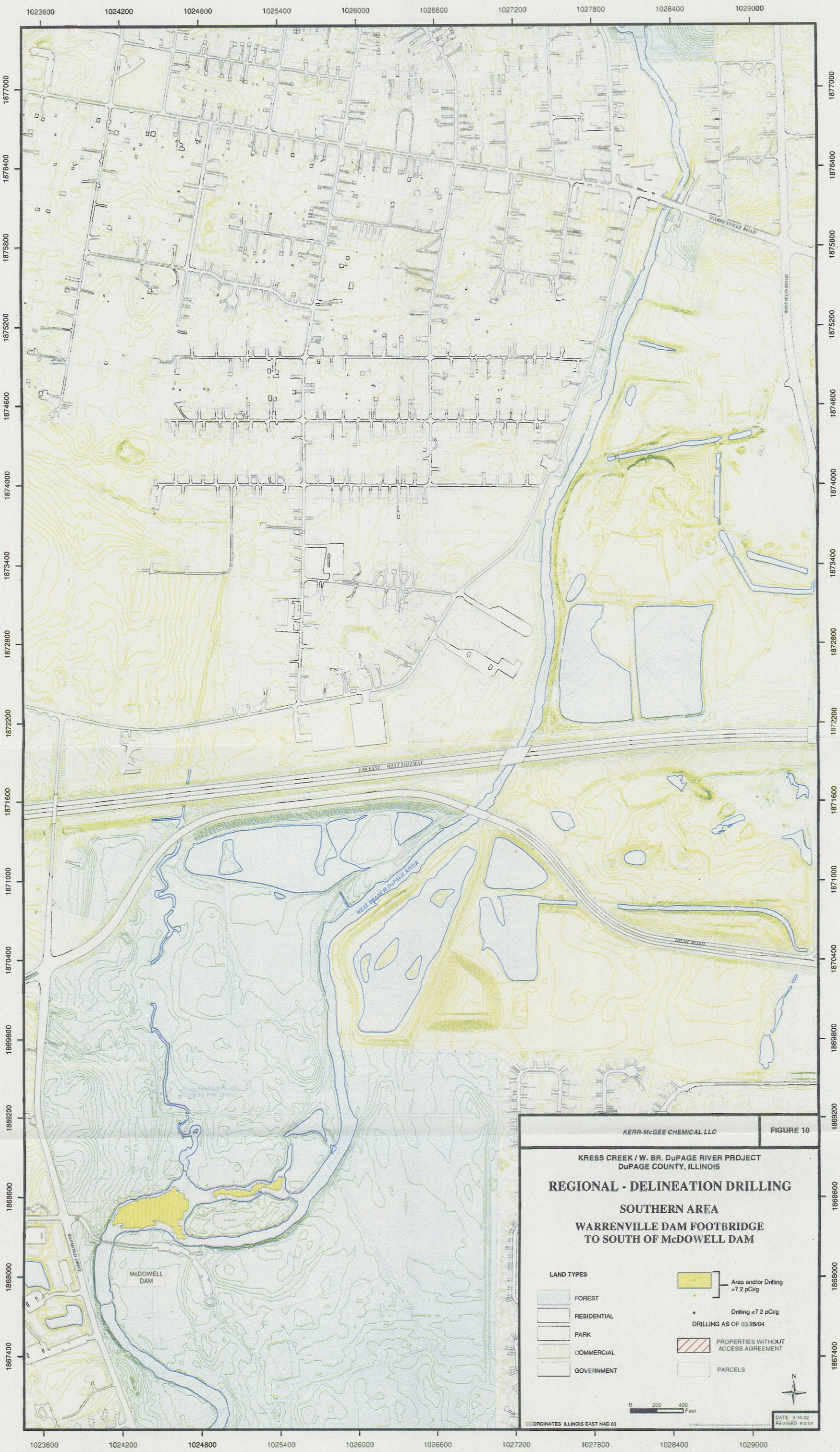
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WARRENVILLE ROAD
I-88 EAST - WEST TOLLWAY
WEST BRANCH DuPAGE RIVER
McDOWELL DAM
KERR-McGEE CHEMICAL LLC
FIGURE 10
KRESS CREEK / W. BR. DuPAGE RIVER PROJECT
DuPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
REGIONAL - DELINEATION DRILLING
SOUTHERN AREA
WARRENVILLE DAM FOOTBRIDGE
TO SOUTH OF McDOWELL DAM
LAND TYPES
FOREST
RESIDENTIAL
PARK
COMMERCIAL
GOVERNMENT
Area and/or Drilling >7.2 pCi/g
Drilling ≤7.2 pCi/g
DRILLING AS OF 03/26/04
PROPERTIES WITHOUT ACCESS AGREEMENT
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APPENDIX A

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RESPONSIVENESS SUMMARY
for Kerr-McGee Kress Creek/West Branch DuPage River Site

This Responsiveness Summary provides both a summary of the public comments U.S. EPA received regarding the Proposed Plan for the Kress Creek Site and U.S. EPA's responses to those comments. The Proposed Plan was released to the public on May 24, 2004, and the public comment period ran from May 26 through June 25, 2004. U.S. EPA held a public meeting regarding the Proposed Plan on June 2, 2004, at Warrenville City Hall.

U.S. EPA received written comments (via regular and electronic mail) and verbal comments (at the public meeting) during the public comment period. In total, U.S. EPA received comments from approximately 30 different people. Copies of all the comments received (including the verbal comments reflected in the transcript of the public meeting) are included in the Administrative Record for the Site. U.S. EPA carefully considered all comments prior to selecting the final site remedy documented in the ROD.

This Responsiveness Summary does not repeat verbatim each individual comment. Rather, the comments are summarized and grouped by the type of issue raised. The comments fell within several different categories: support for the proposed remedy, public involvement in design and construction, project sequence and schedule, cleanup technologies/rationale, community impacts/quality of life factors (including short-term impacts during the cleanup), restoration issues, site characterization testing, health concerns, and legal and policy issues.

U.S. EPA received a detailed comment letter submitted on behalf of the Cenacle of Warrenville whose property is located along the West Branch DuPage River. U.S. EPA responded directly to that commenter in a letter dated September 29, 2004. Both the comment letter and U.S. EPA's response letter are included in the Administrative Record for the Site and interested readers are encouraged to review those letters for more detailed information. A brief summary of the Cenacle's comments and U.S. EPA's responses is included below.

The remainder of this Responsiveness Summary contains the comments U.S. EPA received and U.S. EPA's responses to those comments, grouped by category.

SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED REMEDY

Several people expressed strong support for the proposed remedy for the Site (Alternative 3: Excavation and Off-Site Disposal of Targeted Sediment/Soil Throughout the Site). The comments included the sentiments that Alternative 3 was "a no-brainer" and "the only acceptable option." Some people added that they have been waiting many years for the Site cleanup to start and one person said they now have a "ray of hope" that future generations will be protected from the radioactive contamination. One person also said that (1) this will be one of the best

environmental cleanups ever conducted, (2) the thoroughness of the testing was "amazing," (3) he strongly supports the 7.2 pCi/g cleanup standard, (4) the cleanup is worth having despite the impacts and disruptions to the community during the cleanup, and (5) the permanent disposal site in Utah (where Kerr-McGee will ship the contaminated materials) is a good disposal alternative for the radioactive material.

No one expressed support for any of the other alternatives that U.S. EPA evaluated, and no one said that they did not support Alternative 3.

U.S. EPA understands that there is strong community support for the removal of the radioactive contamination from the Site in general and for Alternative 3 in particular. Additionally, Alternative 3 represents the cleanup approach that representatives of the affected local communities (as defined in Section 2.3 of the ROD) and Kerr-McGee presented to U.S. EPA after several years of negotiations between those parties.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Several people inquired about the level of involvement and input that affected property owners would be afforded regarding decisions about the specific details of the construction and restoration work on their property. The comments made it clear that property owners want input into decisions that affect their property, including use of their property for possible support activities (such as staging areas) during the cleanup and particularly how the property will be restored after removal of the contamination. One person asked whether neighboring property owners will be notified about what is happening in their neighborhood, even if their property is not directly impacted by the cleanup.

The Cenacle commented that many critical design details have not yet been determined and were not available for review and comment during the public comment period, and said it is unacceptable for U.S. EPA to select a remedy without a meaningful opportunity for members of the public to comment on the specific details of the cleanup. The Cenacle said it seeks an affirmative commitment from U.S. EPA that property owners will be included in property restoration decisions. The Cenacle also had specific suggestions related to the cleanup of the Cenacle property, including Kerr-McGee's use of a staging area on nearby Forest Preserve District property rather than using a staging area on Cenacle property. The Cenacle also suggested the use of noise monitoring and the use of mufflers on heavy equipment to reduce noise levels.

One person made very specific recommendations for monitoring activities at the Site before, during and after construction activities, including specific recommendations about the media to be tested (air, surface water, groundwater), the frequency of the testing, the number and types of locations to be tested and the analysis to be performed. Further, the commenter expressed the opinion that the data should be collected and analyzed by an independent laboratory and that the data must be made public within 30 days of its collection. The commenter stated that the need

for groundwater testing was reinforced because groundwater samples at the Kerr-McGee Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) Site (a separate but related Superfund Site that was addressed in a separate ROD) tested positive for radionuclides.

U.S. EPA and/or Kerr-McGee stated at the June 2, 2004, public meeting that property owners would be involved in discussions with Kerr-McGee regarding that work to be conducted on their property (including input into how the property would be restored). (Transcript of public meeting, pages 33, 34, 53, 67, 69, 80.) Additionally, in the portion of the Kress Creek ROD that describes the selected remedy (Section 12.2), U.S. EPA specifically states that "the owners of affected properties will be involved in detailed discussions regarding the work to be conducted on their property, and their concerns will be addressed in the final design to the extent practicable."

Regarding whether neighboring property owners will be notified about specific cleanup activities in their neighborhood, U.S. EPA intends to keep all interested members of the public informed about cleanup activities in their community and currently is involved in discussions with representatives of the local communities and various community groups regarding the best methods for disseminating information to the public at various stages of the cleanup project. U.S. EPA could make use of any of a number of methods to keep the community informed, including but not limited to public meetings, availability sessions, small neighborhood meetings, regular website updates, providing information for publication in various community newsletters, mailing fact sheets/progress reports, making all technical reports and documents (including final design documents) available in the library and/or online, and holding educational seminars for affected property owners regarding restoration options (including encouraging owners to select native plants as replacements for invasive species removed during the cleanup).

Regarding the Cenacle's comment that many critical design details were not yet available for review and comment, U.S. EPA notes that the level of detail the Cenacle seeks typically is not provided in the Proposed Plan or the ROD, but rather in documents developed during the design phase that occurs after the ROD is signed. U.S. EPA agrees that such design details are critical to property owners, as those details describe exactly what work will be conducted on the property, what equipment will be used, which areas of the property will be impacted by construction and support activities, and approximately how long the work will take to carry out. However, those details are determined during the design phase, post-ROD. U.S. EPA's Proposed Plan was based on various technical studies and other documents contained in the Administrative Record for the Site and contained adequate information to allow the public to formulate opinions and provide meaningful input to U.S. EPA during the remedy selection process for the Site as a whole.

In response to the Cenacle's specific suggestions related to the cleanup of the Cenacle property, U.S. EPA agrees to work with the Cenacle and Kerr-McGee during the design phase to accommodate the Cenacle's concerns to the extent practicable. Additionally, U.S. EPA

affirmatively commits that property owners will be included in property restoration decisions, and (as mentioned above) has included clarifying language in the ROD to this effect.

In response to the Cenacle's suggestion to use noise monitoring during the cleanup and to ensure that heavy equipment is outfitted with mufflers to reduce noise levels, U.S. EPA agrees that noise mitigation is an important consideration during the cleanup. All heavy equipment will have mufflers to minimize noise, and U.S. EPA will consider the use of noise monitoring equipment during the cleanup. Additionally, U.S. EPA will explore with Kerr-McGee during the design phase equipment and cleanup techniques that may reduce noise levels.

In terms of the monitoring that will be conducted as part of the cleanup, decisions about the monitoring that will be conducted will be made during the design phase following the ROD. Such monitoring will include, at a minimum, air monitoring and water column (surface water) monitoring. U.S. EPA will consider the specific suggestions it received during the public comment period, but notes that groundwater monitoring will not be a component of the monitoring program. For reasons outlined in the ROD, groundwater at the Kress Creek Site is not a media of concern and monitoring of groundwater during the cleanup therefore is not necessary. Groundwater testing was conducted as part of the characterization work at the STP Site, and even though water samples tested positive for radionuclides (as would be expected in any groundwater samples), groundwater at that Site also was not a media of concern because neither radionuclides nor any other contaminant in groundwater posed unacceptable risks to human health or the environment. (Information in the Administrative Record for the STP Site provides more details regarding the groundwater results obtained at that Site.) All samples at the Site will be collected under a U.S. EPA-approved Quality Assurance Project Plan (specifying the specific field and laboratory procedures that will be used) and U.S. EPA will conduct oversight of Kerr-McGee's work at the Site to ensure that such field and laboratory procedures are followed. U.S. EPA (and/or the State) may collect split samples if deemed necessary. Additionally, all laboratories conducting sample analysis are subject to audit. U.S. EPA agrees to make all monitoring data available to the public as soon as practicable after it receives validated sample results/reports.

PROJECT SEQUENCE AND SCHEDULE

Several people commented on the project schedule and/or the sequence of activities for Site cleanup. One person said that the cleanup schedule appeared reasonable and wanted some assurance that Kerr-McGee would meet it. Another person asked whether the plan was to "leap-frog" from one contaminated spot to the next and whether uncontaminated areas of the sediments and banks would be addressed during the cleanup. One person said that downstream property owners with small amounts of contamination were being held hostage by the thorium and asked U.S. EPA to consider cleaning up those areas first rather than proceeding sequentially from upstream to downstream. Someone else expressed the opinion that the upstream areas of the Kress Creek Site should be cleaned up first (as opposed to the river portion of the STP Site located upstream of the creek's confluence with the river; that Site was addressed in a separate

ROD). Other people wondered how long the cleanup at each property would take and how long staging areas would need to stay in place.

The Cenacle stated that it supports a cleanup schedule for that property that corresponds with periods when the Cenacle is less busy (mid-August to early September) or provides enough advance notice so that Cenacle activities/retreats could be scheduled around cleanup activities.

U.S. EPA fully expects Kerr-McGee to conduct the cleanup and currently is negotiating the terms of a federal consent decree, including project schedule provisions. U.S. EPA will oversee all the cleanup work at the Site to ensure that Kerr-McGee meets the terms of the enforcement document, including project schedule deadlines.

Regarding the project sequence, the cleanup of the Kress Creek Site will proceed from upstream to downstream areas. The Site will be broken into eight discrete "reaches" (some of which will be further divided into some number of subreaches) based on physical characteristics and the extent of cleanup needed. All cleanup and restoration work will be completed in Reach 1 (the furthest upstream area of the Site) before cleanup work starts in Reach 2. Uncontaminated areas of the creek and river will not be addressed by the cleanup, but uncontaminated areas will be impacted by cleanup activities. For example, large segments of the creek and river likely will be completely isolated and dewatered in order to conduct the cleanup, even though not all areas within that segment are contaminated. U.S. EPA notes, however, that any and all areas of the creek and river that are disturbed or impacted by cleanup activities will be properly restored.

U.S. EPA carefully considered the suggestion that downstream property owners with small areas of contamination not be required to wait until all the upstream areas have been addressed, but that those small areas be cleaned up first. U.S. EPA acknowledges that some people have been waiting many years for this cleanup and have been unable to buy or sell property because of thorium contamination issues. However, because of the way the cleanup will be conducted, with large segments of the creek and river completely isolated and dewatered, even small areas of contamination within those segments must wait to be cleaned up as part of the larger cleanup effort for that given reach of creek/river.

Regarding the issue of whether the Kress Creek site or the river portion of the STP site should be cleaned up first, it should be noted that USEPA signed the ROD for the STP site on September 30, 2004, and cleanup work at the river portion of the STP site began in November 2004. After a winter shutdown period, that work is expected to continue in the spring of 2005 while the detailed design work for the first portion of the Kress Creek site is finalized. Additionally, the cleanup work for the river portion of the STP site is much shorter in duration than the Kress Creek site. As a result, USEPA does not expect the STP site cleanup work to unduly delay the start of the Kress Creek site cleanup.

The length of time needed for the cleanup of any particular property will depend largely on the amount of contamination located there. Property owners will be given more detailed information

about the cleanup of their property (including the length of time needed to complete their property) during the detailed design phase. Similarly, the length of time needed for staging areas to remain in place depends on the specific needs for that reach of the Site and will be determined during the detailed design phase.

In response to the Cenacle's scheduling request, U.S. EPA agrees to work with Kerr-McGee and the Cenacle to attempt to schedule, to the extent practicable, the work at the Cenacle property within the time period requested by the Cenacle or, alternatively, to provide the Cenacle with adequate advance notice of the cleanup schedule.

CLEANUP TECHNOLOGIES/RATIONALE

Several people commented on the various cleanup technologies that will/may be used at the Site and the rationale behind certain decisions. In particular, commenters asked (1) whether U.S. EPA had used similar "dry excavation" techniques at similar sites, (2) how stream flow will be diverted to dry up portions of the creek/river, and (3) why it was necessary to disturb areas of contamination already buried beneath clean overburden materials.

The Cenacle requested that U.S. EPA provide in the Responsiveness Summary a detailed analysis of (1) the appropriate circumstances for using sandbagging versus other higher noise/ higher vibration methods of containment, (2) alternatives to sheet pile drivers such as a hydraulic sheet pile press (quieter and less disruptive) and portable dams (to prevent disrupting the bridge on the Cenacle property), (3) alternatives to passive dewatering such as geotextile tubes (to prevent fugitive dust and the release of fine-grained soils), and (4) various alternatives for minimizing fugitive dust.

Dry excavation techniques have been used at contaminated sediment sites in the past and U.S. EPA expects the use of those techniques at this Site to be successful. Some portions of the Site may need to use only sand bags/turbidity barriers to isolate small areas of contamination for excavation, while other (significant) portions of the creek/river will need to be completely isolated and the flow of the creek/ river diverted around those areas. To accomplish this, sheet piling and/or earthen berms with pump bypass systems would probably be used. A pump bypass system would carry the water past each isolated section, and the isolated section would be dewatered or "dried up" by pumping the water out of the isolated area. The specific details regarding how this would be accomplished will be determined during the detailed design phase.

The Kress Creek ROD requires all targeted materials at the Site to be excavated and transported off-site for disposal, even those areas that are buried beneath layers of clean overburden material. This is due to the long-lived nature of the radioactive contamination at the Site, with thorium having a half-life of 14 billion years. The largest areas of buried contamination occur upstream of the two dams at the Site (the Warrenville Dam and the McDowell Dam). If the dams ever failed or were removed, the hydraulic characteristics of the river would change and the layers of sediment (whether clean or contaminated) that have built up behind the dams over the years

would be transported downstream to new locations. As a result, the long-term effectiveness and permanence of any remedy that leaves contamination in place, even if currently buried under clean overburden materials, is questionable.

In response to the Cenacle's request for a detailed analysis in this document of specific isolation and excavation equipment and techniques, U.S. EPA notes that these issues will be addressed during the remedial design phase. The level of detail the Cenacle seeks typically is not provided in the proposed plan or ROD but rather in documents developed during the detailed design phase that occurs after the ROD is signed. U.S. EPA agrees to explore with Kerr-McGee and the Cenacle during the detailed design phase equipment and cleanup techniques that address, to the extent practicable, the Cenacle's concerns regarding noise and vibration levels, fugitive dust and other disturbances, including consideration of the use of a hydraulic sheet pile press, portable dams, sandbagging, and various dust control measures. U.S. EPA notes, however, that the Cenacle's suggestion to use geotextile tubes instead of passive dewatering is not a practical alternative for this Site, which will be excavated using dry excavation techniques. In order to use geotextile tubes, water would have to be added to the already excavated sediments so they could be pumped in slurry form into the geotextile tubes for dewatering. In addition to adding a whole new process to the cleanup, the dewatering of the sediments by this means would actually take much longer than gravity dewatering, and also would require a much larger staging area to accommodate the storage of the geotextile tubes.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS/QUALITY OF LIFE FACTORS

More than a dozen people commented on issues related to impacts of the cleanup on the community and the quality of life along the creek and river, including short-term impacts during the cleanup. In general, the comments dealt with loss of trees, shrubs and other vegetation, the impact of the cleanup on wildlife, the need for dust control measures, the need to prevent the spread of contamination during the cleanup (including during transportation of the contaminated materials off-site for disposal), monitoring during the cleanup to ensure that nearby residents and the surrounding environment are protected from the spread of contamination, damage to roads from heavy trucks, the impact of the cleanup/restoration on future flooding, the ability of property owners to sell their property when the cleanup is done, the safety of the ultimate disposal site, the areal extent of impact in the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, and the fate of the Warrenville Dam. Regarding the issue of trees, several people expressed concern with the loss of established trees along the banks of the creek/river, not only for aesthetic reasons but also related to erosion control issues, and one person specifically asked about the oak trees in Manville Oaks Park. One person suggested that it would be better to leave some areas of contamination behind in order to save some trees, and U.S. EPA has had discussions with other property owners along the river who have very mature, desirable trees and share the same sentiment.

The Cenacle's comments mirrored some of these same issues (dust control measures, flood control concerns, safeguarding members of the public during the cleanup), but also cited specific

concerns and recommendations related to the cleanup of the Cenacle property. These concerns and recommendations included: (1) bridge access to Cenacle buildings located on the east side of the river is crucial and must be maintained, (2) the cleanup should use techniques that minimize noise, vibration, traffic and other commotion (including noise and vibrations from sheet pile installation and other heavy equipment), and (3) mufflers should be used on all equipment and U.S. EPA should consider conducting noise monitoring during the cleanup.

U.S. EPA considered possible short-term impacts associated with the cleanup as part of the Feasibility Study Report (which is included in the Administrative Record for the Site), and the ROD requires that steps be taken during the cleanup to mitigate such short-term effects. Disturbed areas of the Site will be restored as part of the cleanup, including revegetating banks/ floodplain areas, restoring stable banks and implementing appropriate erosion control measures. Property owners will be involved in decisions regarding how their property will be restored, including selecting which trees, shrubs or other vegetation will be planted to replace those that had to be removed. There will be short-term impacts to wildlife, but steps will be taken to mitigate these impacts as determined during the remedial design phase. For example, visible mussels will be relocated to other areas of the stream prior to excavation work occurring.

In certain limited instances where the owner wants to save a particular mature tree, it may be possible to do so by allowing some of the contaminated material to remain in place while still meeting the 7.2 pCi/g criterion over a 100-square meter area (as allowed by the federal and state regulations upon which the standard is based). U.S. EPA will evaluate such instances on a case-by-case basis, and will consider such factors as the location, depth and concentration of the contaminated materials near the tree in making its determination. With regard to the oak trees in Manville Oaks Park, U.S. EPA currently believes that the cleanup of the contaminated areas can be accomplished without damaging most of those trees.

Regarding dust control, preventing the spread of contamination and environmental monitoring, the ROD requires that appropriate engineering controls (such as dust control techniques) be used during the cleanup and that monitoring be conducted to evaluate short-term impacts from the construction activities and respond to them as needed. Cleanup of the Site by using dry excavation techniques will help prevent contamination from being "stirred up" and carried further downstream. Additional measures (as determined during the remedial design phase) will be implemented to prevent the spread of contamination from areas being excavated, areas used as staging areas, and any other areas being used for construction-related activities. Contaminated materials will be transported off-site by trucks covered with tarps, and steps will be taken to ensure that trucks leaving the site do not track any contamination off-site. Environmental monitoring will include, at a minimum, air monitoring and water column (surface water) monitoring, with the specific details of the monitoring program determined during the remedial design phase. (See earlier section entitled "Public Involvement in Design and Construction" for additional comments and responses related to environmental monitoring during the cleanup.)

Regarding possible damage to roads from heavy trucks, or any other damage to property that occurs as a result of the cleanup, any such damaged areas will be repaired and restored as part of the cleanup.

In terms of possible impacts of the cleanup/restoration work on future flooding, there are federal and state regulations that govern construction work in floodplain and stream areas. There are also local ordinances which are not legally binding on this cleanup but which will be considered as an importance guidance for site-related construction work. In general, federal agencies are required to evaluate the potential effects of any actions they may take in a floodplain and to avoid, to the extent possible, adverse effects associated with direct and indirect development of a floodplain. Federal agencies must avoid, to the extent possible, adverse impacts associated with the destruction or loss of wetlands, or to avoid or minimize adverse impacts if no practicable alternative exists. Illinois state laws also govern construction and filling in the floodway of rivers such as the West Branch DuPage River. These laws provide protection by restricting damageable floodplain improvements and uses which increase flood damage potential elsewhere. All cleanup and restoration work will comply with the applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements of these regulations. If contaminated areas of the creek or river are dug out and not filled back in (such as in the areas behind the Warrenville and McDowell Dams that currently have thick layers of loose, unbound sediment that have built up over the years), it is unlikely that this would improve the flood-carrying capacity of the river.

After the cleanup is completed in a given stretch of creek or river, U.S. EPA intends to send a letter to each affected property owner documenting that their property has been cleaned up. Receipt of such letters should make it easier for people to sell their property in the future.

One person expressed concern with concentrating all the radioactive contamination at one disposal site, in the event of a terrorist strike on that site. In response, U.S. EPA notes that the disposal site in Utah is located in a very remote, unpopulated location, and the site handles only low-level radioactive waste. The likelihood of a terrorist strike on the disposal site is probably very low.

Regarding the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve, all of the contaminated materials in that area are located within the waterway in the wide, impounded area upstream of the McDowell Dam. There will be areas of land in the forest preserve that will be needed for support activities such as staging areas and haul roads, and those locations will be negotiated with the Forest Preserve District to minimize impacts to their land. Neither the Warrenville Dam nor the McDowell Dam are being removed as part of this cleanup effort.

In response to the Cenacle's specific concerns and recommendations, U.S. EPA agrees to explore with Kerr-McGee during the detailed design phase whether it is necessary to remove the bridge during the cleanup and to consider cleanup options that would allow the bridge to remain in place. Regardless of the fate of the bridge, U.S. EPA and Kerr-McGee will ensure that the Cenacle has a means of accessing its buildings on the east side of the river during the cleanup.

Additionally, U.S. EPA agrees to explore with Kerr-McGee and the Cenacle during the detailed design phase equipment and cleanup techniques that may reduce noise and vibration levels, including evaluating the use of a hydraulic sheet pile press. All equipment will have mufflers to minimize noise and U.S. EPA will consider the use of noise monitoring equipment during the cleanup.

RESTORATION ISSUES

More than ten different people commented on issues related to site restoration after the cleanup, some of them general comments related to the entire site and some related to specific locations or properties. The general issues raised dealt with wetland mitigation, how the creek/river bed will be left after the cleanup, how creek/river banks and floodplain areas will be restored and how to prevent future erosion, the loss of wildlife habitat and possible takeover by invasive plant species, how to convince property owners to select more natural/native plant species and the need for public education regarding proper restoration choices, whether sheetpiling installed during the cleanup will be removed or left in place, how property owners can benefit from the restoration negotiations that already have occurred between Kerr-McGee and the affected communities (including particularly the Forest Preserve District), and who will be responsible for restoration efforts and ensuring that the restoration succeeds. Location-specific issues raised by two different people dealt with the pond at the Emerald Green housing complex, particularly (1) what the impact of the cleanup would be on the pond and how it would be restored, and (2) whether the thin land bridge separating the pond and the river could be corrected and made more ecologically sound. One person whose property includes a small "dam" that juts out into the river expressed his strong desire for the dam to be restored to its current condition if impacted by the cleanup.

The Cenacle stated that it strongly favors physical restoration choices in keeping with the mission of the property owner, and seeks an affirmative commitment from U.S. EPA that property owners will be included in property restoration decisions.

U.S. EPA notes that Kerr-McGee has prepared a *Conceptual Mitigation and Restoration Design Plan* for the Site that describes the conceptual approach for restoration and mitigation efforts at different types of properties/areas. The conceptual plan was developed with significant input from representatives of the local communities (particularly the Forest Preserve District), U.S. EPA, and federal and state natural resource trustees, and addresses the mitigation and restoration of the following areas/property types: streambank and riparian areas (general concepts), commercial/residential property, wetlands, DuPage County Forest Preserve property, and aquatic habitat. It also addresses required maintenance and monitoring of restored areas. In general, the conceptual plan was designed to restore habitats of similar characteristics and environmental functions, but at the same time make minor modifications that either benefit the environment or meet the needs of individual property owners. The plan is available for public review and readers are encouraged to review it for more detailed information about restoration issues.

Regarding wetlands, the commenter wanted to know whether mitigation efforts would be conducted on-site or off-site and what mitigation ratios would be used. U.S. EPA understands that the Forest Preserve District has volunteered to take on all the obligations for wetland mitigation on forest preserve property at a ratio of 1:5 to 1. This mitigation ratio is considered appropriate since no high quality wetlands have been identified at the Site in the areas subject to remediation activities. Actual mitigation locations and whether those locations will be on-site or off-site have not yet been determined.

Regarding the final condition of the streambed, the removal of channel sediments and the use of dewatered areas of the creek/river to access the removal areas can disturb in-stream structures or riffle/pool complexes that provide habitat for a number of fish species. As part of the cleanup, disturbed in-stream structures or habitat complexes will be mitigated and restored to maintain, and when feasible, improve, the quantity and diversity of habitats that currently exist.

The cleanup also will disturb floodplain areas and sections of creek/river banks, and some people expressed concerns that removing mature trees along the banks (when necessary) would make the banks more prone to erosion. During Site restoration, affected banks will be properly sloped and, if necessary, provided with additional engineered or bioengineered protections to prevent scouring and undercutting. Multiple restoration options will be available during the detailed design phase depending on location, land use, proximity of nearby structures, and stream characteristics, all with the goal of achieving stable stream banks, preferably with native vegetation where appropriate. Impacted floodplain areas and upland areas will be revegetated in accordance with final restoration decisions made during the detailed design phase (including input from the property owner).

During the remedial design phase, the restored streambank configurations of the Site will be hydraulically simulated using DuPage County's then current Full Equations Model (FEQ model). Cross sectional data utilized in the FEQ model will be collected from the Site as needed to develop the model. The restoration will be designed to result in "No Net Fill" within the floodplain and no increase in flood profiles greater than 0.04 feet. Also as part of detailed design efforts, the hydraulic model will be applied to locations at the Site with high energy erosion potential to evaluate a range of erosion protection requirements under a range of flows. These evaluations and input from property owners will serve as the basis for preparation of bank restoration design specifications.

The restoration of vegetation (which provides habitat for animals) in disturbed areas above the stream bank will be designed considering property owner requests. Any removed trees and shrubs will be replaced, unless the property owner elects not to seek replacement. Mature trees obviously can not be replaced with mature trees, but will be replaced with root-bagged stock. Property owners will be encouraged to select non-invasive species as a replacement for any invasive species that are removed, but the final decision will belong to the property owner. Monitoring of restored areas will be conducted and maintenance activities will be implemented based upon certain performance standards (including control of invasive species).

As mentioned above, U.S. EPA will encourage property owners to select non-invasive species as replacements for plants that were removed. U.S. EPA agrees that public education regarding proper/ecologically-sound restoration choices would be very beneficial to this cleanup project, and is currently engaged in discussions with representatives of the local communities and various community groups regarding that topic (among others, as described above in the section entitled "Public Involvement in Design and Construction").

Regarding sheetpiling installed during the cleanup to isolate contaminated areas or stabilize steep slopes, it is anticipated that such sheetpiling will be removed unless it is deemed essential for continued stability.

Property owners will benefit from the restoration negotiations that already have occurred between Kerr-McGee and representatives of the local communities. The restoration options contained in the *Conceptual Mitigation and Restoration Design Plan* were developed as a "best practices" approach to stream bank stabilization and restoration, and the conceptual plan will be used as a template for all properties, including private residential properties. Kerr-McGee will be responsible for restoration efforts and for monitoring and maintaining the restored areas in accordance with the *Conceptual Mitigation and Restoration Design Plan* and the performance standards contained in that plan.

Regarding the location-specific comments about the pond on the Emerald Green property, it is too early for U.S. EPA to determine the impact (if any) to the pond and, if disturbed, how it would be restored. Such decisions will be made during the detailed design phase, with input from the property owner. If the pond is not impacted by the cleanup, then Kerr-McGee will not be responsible for "fixing it" to make its design more ecologically-sound. Regarding the small "dam" that juts out into the river, U.S. EPA notes that, in general, restoration work to impacted areas will be conducted in accordance with how the property owner wants the area restored. However, all cleanup and restoration work must comply with all applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements. If the dam is disturbed by the cleanup, it could be restored only to the extent allowed by current law. (This issue is discussed further below in the section entitled "Legal and Policy Issues.")

In response to the Cenacle's comments about restoration of its property, U.S. EPA affirmatively commits that property owners will be included in property restoration decisions, and U.S. EPA has included clarifying language in the ROD to this effect.

SITE CHARACTERIZATION TESTING

A few people made comments regarding site characterization testing issues. One person wondered where property owners can obtain the data/results from the testing of their properties. Another person asked whether any testing was done for alpha or beta radiation besides the gamma radiation testing that was conducted. A resident of the WestWin subdivision in

unincorporated West Chicago said that testing should include the areas beneath May Street and Joy Road where culverts previously washed out and/or were replaced.

Property owners can obtain their specific testing results by contacting U.S. EPA's Remedial Project Manager, Rebecca Frey (312-886-4760). U.S. EPA will obtain the information from Kerr-McGee in an easily-understood form and will then send it to the property owner. Additionally, property owners whose property will be involved in the cleanup will be contacted by Kerr-McGee during the remedial design phase and will be involved in detailed discussions about the work to be conducted on the property. During those discussions, Kerr-McGee will present information to the owner that shows the areas of the property that need to be cleaned up.

Both U.S. EPA and Kerr-McGee conducted testing at the Kress Creek Site, and due to the characteristics and properties of the thorium contamination, all testing focused on gamma radiation. Testing for alpha and beta radiation was not conducted and is not necessary.

In the WestWin subdivision, U.S. EPA, the State and Kerr-McGee conduct testing beneath Joy Road when that culvert was washed out by the flood in 1996, and ensured that any thorium materials were removed before the road was rebuilt and the new box culvert installed. The May Street culvert was replaced by Winfield Township in 1991, and while U.S. EPA and the State conducted some testing of the excavated area, the testing was not as extensive as that done for Joy Street in 1996. Kerr-McGee's current characterization testing at May Street is adequate to ensure that all targeted thorium materials are identified for removal, with the exception that testing is not being conducted through the box culvert. The box culvert will remain in place, and U.S. EPA believes that if any contamination is located beneath the culvert, it is minimal and not a threat to human health and the environment.

HEALTH CONCERNS

A few people made comments related to various health issues and the risks associated with the thorium contamination at the Site. Concerns included whether it is safe to (1) drink water from private wells, (2) eat fish from the river, (3) use the parks along the Site, (4) eat fruit or vegetables from gardens or wild bushes along the Site, or (5) use the river for recreational purposes. Similar concerns were raised regarding possible exposure from the Site to family pets (e.g., dogs swimming in the river), and people wondered whether they would be contacted with the results from their property. One person wondered whether, until such time as the Site is cleaned up, access to the river and other areas with contamination should be closed to prevent exposure to the contamination, because U.S. EPA's risk assessment showed that recreational use of the Site posed unacceptable risks to human health.

Although U.S. EPA's risk assessment showed that recreational use of the Site posed unacceptable risks to human health and the environment, the risk assessment made some very conservative assumptions about the recreational use scenario that was evaluated. In particular, U.S. EPA assumed that all of the contamination identified at the Site was available at the surface

of the land (out of the water) and readily available for exposure to humans, despite the fact that much of the contamination is located in the sediments at the bottom of the stream and/or buried beneath layers of clean overburden materials. Additionally, U.S. EPA assumed that a recreational user of the Site would be exposed to the radioactive contamination (even though, as stated above, much of it is not readily accessible) for 54 days each year for 30 consecutive years. As a result of these assumptions, U.S. EPA believes that its risk assessment provides a conservative estimate of site risks to be protective of the most vulnerable persons who may represent the "reasonable *maximum* exposure scenario." The risk estimates do not represent the risks to each and every visitor to the Site or adjacent areas, and the actual exposure to casual/occasional visitors to the Site (including family pets who swim in the river) is, in all likelihood, negligible.

U.S. EPA also collected and analyzed fish samples and calculated the risks to people from eating the fish. Eating fish from the Site does not pose an unacceptable risk to human health. Although plants can take up contamination (and those risks also were evaluated in the risk assessment and found to be negligible), the plants would have to be growing directly in contaminated areas. U.S. EPA recommends that people not plant gardens in areas they know to be contaminated. If property owners want to know for sure that their gardens are not located in contaminated areas, they can call the U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager, Rebecca Frey (312-886-4760) and she will arrange for testing to confirm that the garden area is not contaminated.

Thorium contamination is very insoluble and stays bound to soil and sediment instead of dissolving in water. Therefore, neither surface water nor ground water are media of concern at the Site and drinking water will not be impacted by the thorium contamination at the Site. (Prior testing of private residential wells at properties with extensive soil contamination has confirmed this.)

Based on all of the above information, U.S. EPA has determined that there is no need to restrict access to the Site, prevent people from fishing in the river, prevent recreational use of the river, or close parks or other areas that have contamination.

LEGAL & POLICY ISSUES

Several people made comments that dealt with various legal or policy issues associated with the cleanup. One person wanted to make sure that the cleanup will comply with the rules and regulations governing the West Branch DuPage River and its floodplain, particularly those dealing with structures (such as the earthen dam that juts out into the river, mentioned in the section above entitled "Restoration Issues," and the bridge abutments at the Cenacle property). Another person wondered why U.S. EPA is not ordering Kerr-McGee to conduct the cleanup. The Illinois EPA clarified that the letters U.S. EPA intends to send property owners following the cleanup of their property are different from the types of "No Further Remediation" (NFR) letters issued by the State of Illinois for the Site Remediation Program pursuant to Ill. Admin. Code 740 and the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program pursuant to Ill. Admin. Code Part 732.

The Cenacle raised several legal/policy issues, including the following: (1) the proposed cleanup potentially violates the Cenacle's right to practice its religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act because the religious activities at the Cenacle are inextricably tied with a peaceful, tranquil, quiet environment and the cleanup will be noisy and disruptive; (2) U.S. EPA failed to provide an adequate basis for public participation as required by CERCLA because it failed to provide enough information regarding critical design issues; and (3) the Proposed Plan did not address the issue of access agreements and the Cenacle cannot commit to Kerr-McGee's use of the Cenacle property because there is no defined process or schedule for securing such access agreements.

Regarding compliance with the law, the cleanup must comply with all applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs). ARARs are those cleanup standards, standards of control, and other substantive requirements, criteria, or limitations promulgated under Federal environmental or State environmental or facility siting laws that either (1) specifically address a hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant, remedial action, location, or other circumstance found at a Superfund site and are legally applicable, or (2) while not legally applicable, address problems or situations sufficiently similar to those encountered at the Superfund site that their use is well-suited to the site (i.e., relevant and appropriate). In addition to ARARs, guidance materials that have not been promulgated or other regulatory standards (such as local/county requirements) may be considered and used during the cleanup. Lists of the ARARs for the Kress Creek Site are included in Tables 13, 14 and 15 of the Kress Creek ROD. Rules and regulations contained in those tables that govern the West Branch DuPage River and its floodplain (including those dealing with structures) must be complied with during all cleanup and restoration work. Existing structures that are removed by the cleanup can be replaced to the extent allowed by and in accordance with the substantive requirements of current law. Kerr-McGee will not be responsible for "fixing" an existing structure that is not impacted by the cleanup.

U.S. EPA has not ordered Kerr-McGee to conduct the cleanup because a remedy for the Site was not yet selected. This ROD selects the remedy for the Site, so U.S. EPA could now order Kerr-McGee to do the cleanup. U.S. EPA currently is negotiating with Kerr-McGee and anticipates signing a federal consent decree (an agreed order) under which Kerr-McGee will agree to conduct the cleanup.

U.S. EPA notes the clarification from Illinois EPA regarding their NFA Letters and has included their comment letter in the Administrative Record for the Site.

Regarding the Cenacle's comments about its First Amendment rights, U.S. EPA's response letter to the Cenacle provided a very detailed explanation, citing relevant case law, that demonstrated that the Cenacle's free exercise of its religion is not violated even if the cleanup of the Kress Creek Site temporarily interrupts or disturbs the tranquility of and religious activities at the Cenacle property. Nonetheless, in its response letter, U.S. EPA committed to taking certain measures to reasonably accommodate the Cenacle's concerns. (Interested readers are encouraged

to review the Cenacle's comment letter and U.S. EPA's response letter, both of which are included in the Administrative Record for the Site.)

U.S. EPA respectfully disagrees with the Cenacle's assertion that U.S. EPA failed to provide an adequate basis for public participation because it failed to provide enough information regarding critical design issues. The Proposed Plan was based on various technical studies and other documents contained in the Administrative Record for the Site and contained adequate information to allow the public to formulate opinions and provide meaningful input to U.S. EPA during the remedy selection process for the Site as a whole. The level of detail the Cenacle seeks typically is not provided in the Proposed Plan or ROD but rather in documents developed during the remedial design phase that occurs after the ROD is signed. The Cenacle inherently recognized this fact when it said the Proposed Plan did not address "many critical design issues." U.S. EPA agrees that such design details are critical to property owners, as those details describe exactly what work will be conducted on their property, what equipment will be used, which areas of the property will be impacted by construction and support activities, and approximately how long the work will take to carry out. However, those specifics will be determined during the detailed design phase, not in the ROD.

Regarding the Cenacle's concerns with an access agreement for access to and use of the Cenacle property, Kerr-McGee will negotiate such an access agreement with the Cenacle at the appropriate time during the remedial design phase. U.S. EPA will offer to provide mediation services to the Cenacle and Kerr-McGee, if such services are desired by those parties, to help reach an agreement for access that is acceptable to the Cenacle, Kerr-McGee and U.S. EPA.

APPENDIX B

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REMEDIAL ACTION

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD
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5	06/02/04	U.S. EPA	File	Transparency Copies of Slides from U.S. EPA Presentation at the June 2, 2004 Proposed Plan Public Meeting	
6	06/15/04	Williams, T., Illinois EPA	Hill, S., U.S. EPA	Letter re: Illinois EPA Comments on the Proposed Plan for the Kerr-McGee Kress Creek and Sewage Treatment Plant Sites	
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